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Paaartyyy on anyway! While the news out of Worcester Saturday night wasn't what Andover sports fans had hoped, hundreds still turned out to honor the girls basketball team that went all the way to the Division 1 state finals before losing to Minnechaug 55-40. The party at Old Town Hall was organized by Andover Youth Services. Story, photos start on page 48.

Report on cancer due tonight

By Neil Fater

Andover residents anxious to learn why the town has one of the highest breast-cancer rates in the state can hear the results of a state public health department study tonight, Thursday, from state Public Health Commissioner Howard Koh himself.

Koh and a high-ranking Environmental Protection Agency official will report the results of the cancer study and answer some questions at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the selectmen's room on the top floor of town offices.

Koh has declined to release any results his department has gathered until tonight's meeting. But he says he is "very satisfied"

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Shawsheen lights fight blazes again

By Neil Fater

While it remains to be seen how often a set of floodlights will be used at the Shawsheen soccer field, a vote by the Board of Selectmen Monday to install four 60-foot light poles at the field clearly angered a roomful of Shawsheen residents.

Some of those present said after the the vote that they still hope to

shut out the lights.

"We're very disappointed. Many people feel deceived by the entire process," says Dave McDermitt, of Balmoral Street, about the decision. "The residents are considering all possible options, including legal."

The residents contend that the 1996 Town Meeting article selectmen say permits lights for night-time soccer and other sports, in fact asked specif-

ically and only for "lighting and water for ice skating."

"The article was very clear. People in Shawsheen voted for that article because it was for skating only. There was no question in our mind," says McDermitt, who spoke on behalf of several Shawsheen residents during Monday's meeting. "They made a giant leap from ice skating to lights

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Pattullo sworn in

More changes coming

By Neil Fater

Shortly after the stroke of midnight Tuesday morning, Sgt. Brian Pattullo officially became Andover's new police chief, thanks to the unanimous support of the Board of Selectmen Monday night.

About seven hours later, Chief Pattullo says he was at the station, ready to enact changes within Andover's police department.

"There's going to be changes made to make the organization run more efficiently and effectively. So there will be some organizational

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Campaigns take forum

By Rebecca Lipchitz

In the final weeks of the local election campaign, voters were offered two public chances to quiz candidates last week, as the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters sponsored candidate forums Thursday night at Memorial Hall Library and Friday morning at the Senior Center.

Polls open Tuesday, March 24, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with all precincts voting at the field house at Andover High School.

By now, the candidates have their

themes fairly well established:

Among the three seeking two three-year selectmen seats, Lori Becker, former chair of the Andover Center Association pegged herself as the homespun candidate. Born and raised here and owner of the Mom & Me Maternity shop, Becker said she's running because she's passionate about the town and has worked with many groups in her position with the association.

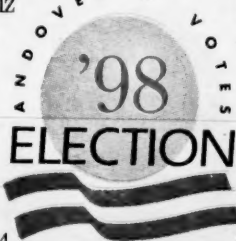
The public's opinion is her primary influence in decision making, and she

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Signs of spring — The Golden-Tanski family of Robandy Road had their maple sap buckets out this week.



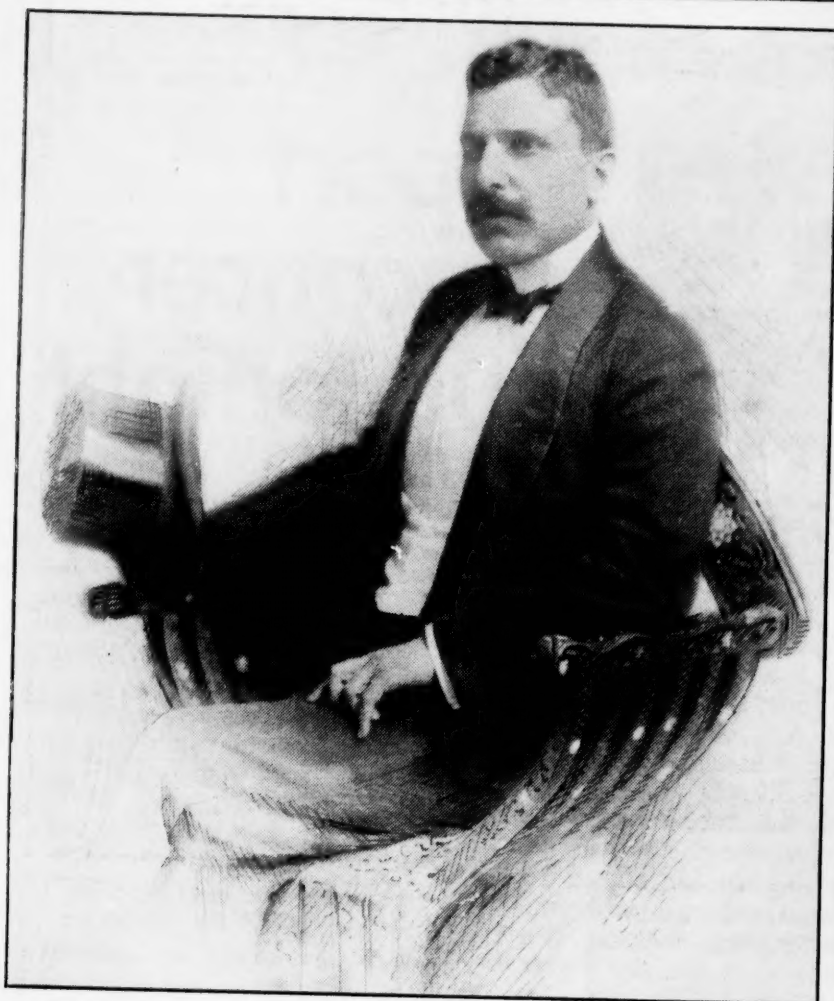
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TOWN TALK



Courtesy Andover Historical Society

Pulling the wool — William Wood, shown in this 1920 photo, was founder and president of the American Woolen Company. Videographer Renee' Sanft and Andover Historical Society Executive Director Barbara Thibault hope to make his life the subject of a documentary.

Telling the story of Wood and wool

Andover Historical Society Executive Director Barbara Thibault is known for bringing history to life locally. But she may be helping to bring it to a much broader audience sometime in the next couple of years, as associate producer of a documentary film titled *Forty Thousand Miles of Cloth: The Story of William Madison Wood*.

Wood was the creator of the American Woolen Company in 1899, which became the largest textile manufacturer in the world. He got the idea for the company shortly after he was fired from the Washington Mills in Lawrence, in 1886.

The executive producer of the film, Renee' Sanft, also of Andover, decided to try to tell the story of Wood after she found a 700-page manuscript on his life stored in a cardboard box. The manuscript had been missing for 10 years.

Thibault says it will take at least a couple of years to do the project, largely because of the need to raise about \$250,000 to fund production of the film.

"Sandcastle Productions (a videographer company) was founded in Andover by Renee' and her father, Sid Sanft," she

says, "and has the goal of producing documentaries that have social and historical accuracy, and are also entertaining."

Thibault says she and Sanft first worked together on the video *Andover: A Classic New England Town*, produced in connection with the town's 350th anniversary celebration.

The documentary on Wood, she says, is another natural collaboration.

"He has always been a figure of intrigue in this town," she says. "There was a book put out in the 1980s by the late professor Edward G. Roddy at Merrimack College that dealt with the available material at the time," she says, "but the new manuscript has a lot more material."

"Our Shawsheen Village is the legacy of that family, and they are very much thought of in a positive way today — both the company and its influence on the textile industry."

The research for the project is well along, Thibault says, including an outline for the script. "The stumbling block now is the funding," she says.

The filmmakers sought a grant from the National Endowment

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Rabies clinics set

The annual Andover Rabies Clinic for cats and dogs will be held Saturday, March 28, and again Saturday, May 2, at West Middle School on Shawsheen Road from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Andover Animal Hospital personnel will provide rabies vaccinations for \$8. Animals should be leashed or restrained.

Rabies vaccinations will be good for three years if you bring proof (current rabies certificate) that your pet has been immunized within the past year. Otherwise, the vaccination will be good for only one year.

State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by 6 months of age.

School project qualifies for state aid

While some residents didn't buy Andover School officials' calculations that student enrollment predictions show the need to build a new school, the state did, and would put Andover on the list for reimbursement if the middle school building project is passed at Town Meeting.

The state Department of Education (DOE) notified Andover Schools Superintendent Richard E. Neal that the project would be eligible for 60-percent reimbursement by the state if the town votes to financially support it and provides final bid documents and working drawings.

"They have justified a space needs problem in Andover," says James L. Anderson, acting administrator for the School Governance, Environmental and Structural Support Services of the DOE.

Neal says Andover's space needs were key, but approval of the project and the site from the School Committee gave it a better position for state approval.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Finegold office hours

State Representative Barry Finegold will hold office hours at Memorial Hall

Library on Elm Square from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, and the Andover Senior Center at Whittier Court from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Friday, March 27. Any constituents who cannot attend office hours may contact Rep. Finegold at (617) 722-2575; Statehouse, Room 146, Boston, Mass. 02133; or e-mail at Rep.BarryFinegold@state.ma.us

Dalton to coordinate Cellucci campaign

Governor Paul Cellucci has announced the appointment of Andover Attorney Charles F. Dalton Jr. to serve as his coordinator for the 2nd Essex and Middlesex District. Dalton will be responsible for organizing and supervising the Cellucci delegates attending the Republican State Convention in Worcester on April 18.

Dalton chairs the Andover Republican Town Committee, and previously was a district coordinator for former governor William Weld during Weld's attempt to defeat U.S. Senator John Kerry.

Dalton has also announced the election of 26 delegates who will attend the Republican State Convention. The delegates were elected at a caucus recently held by the Republican Committee. The pro-Cellucci delegation includes former state representative Gary Coon, former governor's aide John Moffit, civil rights attorney Chet Darling, former Andover selectman and School Committee member Susan Dalton, former Andover School Committee member Lloyd Willey and Republican candidate for state representative from Andover Sal Tabit.

Tucker to testify against casinos

Former state representative Sue Tucker will testify before the National Gambling Impact Study Commission when it visits Boston this month. The Commission was convened by Congress to investigate the social and economic impact of the explosive growth of gam-

bling in the U.S.

In 1996, Tucker, alarmed by proposals to locate casinos in every corner of Massachusetts, formed the Massachusetts Anti-Casino Coalition. "I do not view gambling per se as some type of evil, and I understand that it is a form of entertainment for many people," she says. "However, I strongly object to the gambling industry trying to sell casinos as sound economic development strategies for Salisbury, New Bedford, Springfield, Lawrence, Fall River, Holyoke, and other distressed areas in our state."

Tucker reviewed numerous impact studies of casinos in other states, and concluded that the costs far outweighed the benefits in community after community. Promises of economic revitalization go down the drain "faster than you can say Atlantic City," she says. Tucker organized petition drives and workshops across the state to alert citizens about the dangers of casino proposals in Massachusetts.

Last May the Massachusetts House of Representatives handed a resounding defeat to casino gambling by a vote of 123 to 31. All area representatives, with the exception of Rep. Donna Cuomo (R-North Andover), voted against the expansion of gambling. Following that vote, the Senate never formally took up the casino proposals.

By rejecting casinos, Massachusetts was following a national trend. In voter referendums or in bills before state legislatures, expanded gambling proposals were rejected in 16 out of 18 states in 1997. "Basically citizens are saying enough is enough when it comes to more forms of gambling everywhere and anywhere," she said.

During her testimony, Tucker plans to introduce a consumer disclosure bill she plans to file next year. It would require prominent postings of the odds of winning on all games of chance, whether state-sponsored lottery games or casino slot machines.

"The fact is, the odds of beating the casino or the lottery over the long run are slim to none ... and slim is out of town," Tucker says.

Quote, unquote . . .

'The business of town government is much too serious to be equating it with cartoon characters.'

Town Moderator Jim Doherty, responding to a Townsman question asking him what cartoon or comic book character he might like to be.

'If everyone adopts this NIMBY philosophy, we're never going to do anything.'

Andover Soccer Association member John Nourse, commenting on opposition to lights at the Shawsheen soccer field.

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for the Humanities, and were turned down, but were invited to resubmit the application. "They are the agency that can provide significant funding," she says. "We've gotten some contributions from local foundations, but we need something substantial that can be matched by other sources."

— Taylor Armerding

Camp fire won't burn vacation plans

A fire that tore through one of the main buildings at a popular Hampstead, N.H. summer camp on March 11 won't mean a campless summer for numerous local children.

According to a letter sent out by Camp Tel Noar to parents and campers, it will be open on time for its summer session beginning June 28.

"I am so glad the camp is OK," says Philip Martin of 15 Raven's Bluff. "A friend of mine called me and told me what happened. I felt disappointed. I didn't want anything to happen to the camp."

Philip, an eighth-grader at West Middle School and also a student at Andover Temple Emanuel's Hebrew School, has been a camper at Tel Noar for two years and plans to attend this summer. "You get to meet a wide variety of people there. I have met a lot of close friends there from all over ... one friend came up from Florida for my Bar Mitzvah," he says.

Hilary Cohen, 92 Lowell St., another eighth-grader at West Middle and a Temple Emanuel student, has been a camper for four years and is also planning to attend this summer's session. She remembers on the day of the fire her friend called her. "I was really surprised," she recalls. "I kept wondering how it happened." For Hilary, like many others, Camp Tel Noar is a special place to meet lots of friends, to play sports, and to learn new songs.

It is still unclear what started the fire, but firefighters believe it was either due to the con-

struction being done on the roof or something in the kitchen.

Firefighters from seven neighboring towns were called in to help fight the blaze, which was brought under control about an hour after it started. The camp was closed for winter, and no one was injured.

Camp Tel Noar, 167 Main St., Hampstead, is a co-ed Jewish youth camp founded in 1946. It is owned and operated by the Eli and Bessie Cohen Foundation of Manchester, N.H.

— Keren Rock

Middle-schoolhouses are open next week

In honor of National Middle School Week, Doherty and West Middle schools will be holding open-house events.

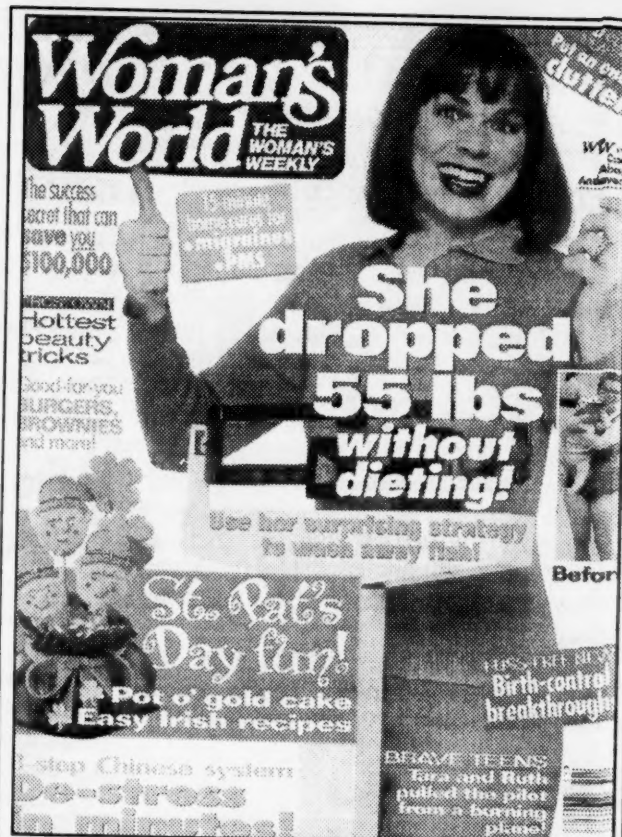
Doherty Middle School will serve coffee at question and answer sessions followed by a tour at the following meetings:

Monday, March 23, Asst. Principal Bruce Maki hosts a meeting from 8 to 9:15 a.m.; Tuesday, March 24, School Counselor Michelle Cummings hosts from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, March 25, Counselor Michael Wartman hosts from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.; Thursday, March 26, Principal Floyd McManus hosts from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Friday, March 27, Special Needs Adminis-

trator Rosalind Larschan hosts from 12:45 to 2 p.m.

West Middle School has planned:

Monday, March 23, at 12:30 p.m., a guest speaker for the Amigos Team, a talk on the Colonizing Africa Project from the Dream Team and DARE conflict resolution activities from the Champion Team; Tuesday, March 24, the Latin band Sol y Canto performs from 9 to 11 a.m., and enrichment class activities are scheduled for 1:15 p.m.; Wednesday, March 26, a talk on career day from 8-10:30 a.m., and from noon to 2 p.m., and grade-6 teams present their horticulture project; Thursday, March 27, enrichment activities start at 1:15 p.m.; and Friday, March 28, the Amigos Team presents Holocaust studies from their interdisciplinary unit, and the A Team eighth grade holds a Fifties Celebration.



Cover girl — Carolyn Abagis of Andover, who developed her own weight-loss program built around housework and then turned it into a video called *Lean-n-Clean*, made the cover of *Women's World* magazine this past week. She says she's all smiles, and adds, "Who wouldn't be?"

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Cancer ...

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with the work his department had done in researching this issue.

"We have gone through a very thorough, comprehensive process," says Koh. "The (state health) department has put all its resources into getting the job done in a timely fashion."

Birnbach bows out

School Committee member David Birnbach made his last motion, for now, at the Andover School Committee meeting Tuesday. He decided not to seek reelection this year after his second term. He was first elected in 1987.

When the meeting opened, committee members presented various gifts, including two educationally-themed neckties called "School is cool" and "That's what friends are for." Despite his tendency to dress sharp, Birnbach historically lost best tie contests to colleague Eric Nadworny, who sports a wardrobe of school-related ties. They were given to Birnbach in a paper bag and wrapped like a submarine sandwich in memory of Birnbach's habit of eating dinner at meetings, said Chairman Tina Girdwood.

"David has a custom of eating in front of us, and often doesn't share," she said.

Along with thanks and compliments, Birnbach also received a cartoon commissioned by committee members "about a little boy named David who loved to make speeches," Nadworny said.

The cartoon concludes with "David" saying, "This has been a lot of fun, but I have a job now."

Nadworny also presented him with a T-Shirt printed with Birnbach's picture titled "Wanted by the Town of Andover," and told him he was welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Aware of the concern in town regarding the breast-cancer rates, Koh says his state agency has worked with the federal EPA in "an open, thorough and scientific way" to answer the questions about his hometown.

Koh, an Andover resident, was named to the state's top health position last year. He called for the state cancer study after breast cancer statistics from 1987 to 1994 showed Andover had the third-highest rate of breast cancer in Massachusetts dur-

ing that time. Andover Health Director Everett Penney has said the state is mapping these cases to see if there is anywhere in town where there may be "clusters of cancer."

Such clusters will be reported Thursday, "if any of those have been identified," says Penney. But it remains to be seen if the state has found even one such area of concentrated cancer cases. Penney was not expected to meet with Koh about the results of the study until after the *Townsmen* went to press Wednesday.

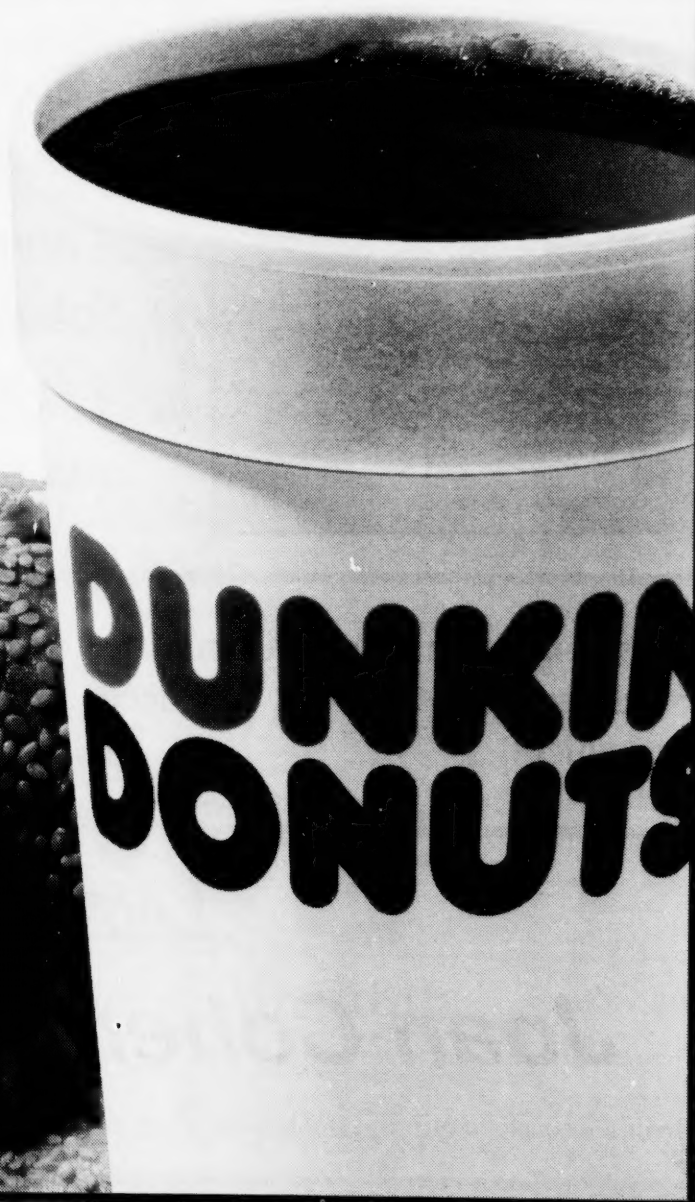
Penney has said that although "there are no established cause-and-effect factors that we can point to," health officials do believe certain factors can be linked to the disease. Penney says Andover has unique environmental factors that may be studied as health officials look to improve the Andover problem.

Penney expects Thursday's meeting will last about one hour. The state health department will continue to follow the issue after that meeting, says Koh.

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The middle-school numbers game

Some residents at odds with School Department enrollment projections

By Rebecca Lipchitz

As the town pushes ahead with plans to build a new middle school in West Andover, some residents say the enrollment projections used to justify that project don't add up.

In past presentations, members of CUBA (Citizens United for a Better Andover), have cited several reasons for not supporting the middle school, including the mixing of fifth-graders with eighth-graders in one school, safety concerns and environmental impacts.

This week, CUBA member John Carlson of Golden Oaks Road takes particular issue with the town's school enrollment projections and the formula they used (See Letters, page 9).

Carlson says modern population trends, some state-wide, some specific to Andover, aren't calculated into the formula.

"The people who did the studies came to a reasonable conclusion, but I don't agree with the assumptions in their model," Carlson says.

According to Schools Superintendent Richard Neal, enrollment projections for Andover schools are done by the "Cohort Survival Method," a formula commonly

used in government and institutional population estimates.

That formula works as follows: Each year the department calculates the ratio of students in first to second grade, second to third grade, third to fourth grade, etc. from kindergarten to twelfth grade. To get enrollment projections, they first calculate the average ratio per grade level from the past five years (all the ratios for the grades 1-2 shift from 1992 to 1997 would be averaged, and so on for the grades 2-3 shift ratio, etc.)

Then they factor in the birth rate, Neal says, also calculated with an average of the past five years. These projections are updated every October after the enrollment for the present school year is set, he says.

The birth rate alone is not an accurate indicator, Neal says, since families move into town. In other words, the number of kindergarten students entering the system is often more than the number of children born in town five years before, he says.

If anything, this formula risks underestimating student populations, Neal says, citing the 1993 prediction that this year the system would have 5,409 stu-

dents. Actual enrollments this year total 5,590, or 181 students more than the estimate made in 1993.

The biggest difference in those estimates was at the elementary level. The 1993 estimate predicted Andover would need room for 2,447 students in grades K-5, but this year's enrollments for those grades totaled 2,778, or 331 more students.

But Carlson contends the space crunches in the system now are the result of a "bubble moving through," and could be solved with temporary measures, not an expensive new building. He believes the town won't have the number of students they've estimated.

He cites a decline in residential development, and says he talked with a local developer who said he sells 18 to 20 new, more expensive homes in Andover these days, but in years past, sold 30 homes a year.

Planning Director Steven Colyer confirmed at the end of 1997 that residential development had slowed. But he said it had been slower for about a decade, compared to the 10 years prior to that.

Carlson says his observations show that more couples in town are aging and

not starting families, and those who do have fewer children. He did a population study in the West Andover and Tewksbury area for his church — St. Roberts in Andover — in which found that the community is aging. While the church normally hosts three or four funerals a year, last year it held 18. That is a sign of an aging community, and that fewer women in Andover are of child-bearing age, he says.

"You can't have it both ways," he says of town's proposal for the need for a senior center and the need for a middle school.

But Neal counters that it is exactly those two ways that contribute to increased student population. Aging families who no longer have children at home are more likely to sell their homes to families who do, and the rate that homes are resold has more impact on population projections than the rate at which homes are built, he says.

As for other population trends, Neal says that any trend would show up in their calculations, since none of their numbers are more than five years old.

"We're not taking a 20-year sample," Neal says.

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Townsmen EDITORIALS

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Good candidates make for difficult choices

Andover voters face good choices when they go to the polls Tuesday. That is both fortunate and frustrating.

It is fortunate because it is likely that those elected will serve the town well, no matter who they are. They have all demonstrated that they care about the town. Their interests reach beyond the personal. They are all interested in serving.

It is frustrating because they can't all be elected. But we owe them all a collective thanks for offering themselves. Politics, even local politics, is always demanding, frequently thankless and, on occasion, brutal.

So our choices are also made with some frustration. But choose we must, just as those who enter the booth:

For selectman, the *Townsmen* endorses incumbent **John Hess** and newcomer **Lori Becker**. With a year on the board, Hess has established himself as a master of detail. He worries about the dotted "i" and the crossed "t." It's reassuring to have a mind and a temperament like that on the board.

In Becker's case, she's not really a newcomer, having chaired the Andover Center Association for years, and run a business in town. She has proven she cares and that she knows the issues intimately. She deserves a chance to serve, as she puts it, "where the action is."

For School Committee, the *Townsmen* endorses incumbent **Tina Girdwood** and the legendary teacher/coach **Richard Collins**.

Girdwood has clearly expended enormous effort to help the committee work together, and to deal with crises ranging from a construction project that seemed almost endless to scheduling troubles that never should have happened and the hiring of two superintendents. Based on that and her experience, she has earned another term. We hope, however, that her expressed desire for "more communication" will result in better communication — solid, concrete responses to questions both from the press and from parents and other citizens as well.

Collins would bring a long-term knowl-

edge of both the town and the system to the committee. And he has demonstrated both a practical knowledge of the issues and an unquenchable enthusiasm for local education.

For Housing Authority, **Norma Villarreal** has earned another term. She has demonstrated both effort and expertise in the position. We urge her now to use this next term to expand her vision beyond maintenance and the getting of additional grants.

Finally, for moderator, the *Townsmen* endorses incumbent **Jim Doherty**. Obviously, after 20 years, he has the experience.

But we also believe there is room for improvement. While we believe those who are calling for an "open" town meeting could find themselves presiding instead over a free-for-all, we urge Doherty to try to find a way to make the meeting a bit more inclusive. It may not be the forum for everybody to be heard, but it is the place where every view should be heard. Doherty should strive to make Town Meeting such a place.

In praise of kids who know how to have fun



Taylor Armerding

You don't get too many weeks around here as great as the one just past.

No, I'm not talking about the candidate debates, although they were surely full of civic passion, and are extremely important to the life of the community.

This is about fun. And the reason this fun was so good is because it was born of discipline, creativity, dedication and all those characteristics that we try to instill in the younger generation.

The first example comes courtesy of the Andover High girls basketball team, which took the town on a spectacular ride, right into the state finals.

Yes, the result was not what we had all hoped, but the team's accomplishments lifted everybody's spirits. The party Saturday night was just one illustration of how this season, amid all the hard work, has been such a grand time. That is as it should be. This is a game. The kids play it because it is such fun. And we should thank them for giving us so much pleasure by doing what they did so well.

Then there was the seventh annual Mr. Andover High School contest Friday night — one of the hottest tickets in town.

In the interests of full disclosure, I have to tell you up front that I was a judge. But, believe me, that did not create any prejudice in favor of the event, at least ahead of time.

I went into the contest with reluctance. I'm a busy guy, like just about everybody else I know. I'm "over-committed." Everybody keeps telling me I have to learn to say no more frequently. A free Friday night is a precious, almost unheard of, thing. But I figured yeah, this is something I should do, it's good to support the kids, I've never seen a performance inside the Collins Center and blah, blah blah.

I came out of it a raving fan. Those of you who didn't make it, well, it was your unlucky Friday the 13th. This was exhilarating, it was alive with energy, it was creative, and it had moments that were screamingly funny without having to be larded with dirty jokes and obscene innuendo. What a concept.

I'm not going to play the game of telling the contestants that they were "all winners" just for showing up, because the reality is there was only one. Congratulations to Evan Martin, a gracious and apparently deserving champion, if the deafening screams in the audience were any measure.

But I am going to say how much I

admire the other 10 who competed, and the young women who sponsored each one. For those who might not be natural performers, it took courage to put themselves in front of an audience of people who know them very well.

But more than that, it took confidence, a sense of self and the motivation to create something truly fun, instead of waiting for somebody else to come along and do it for them.

Sure, it's nice to take in a movie, a concert or any of dozens of things that dazzle us as we sit passively in front of them. But creating your own event is something else entirely. My guess is that if the contestants weren't weren't friends before, they are now. I'm also guessing that dozens of kids in the audience went out of the Collins Center wishing they had taken a shot at it.

Winners or not, these are kids that appear to have not only what it takes to succeed in life, but to enjoy it along the way.

So thanks to Mark Stout for the hot bass licks; to Jake Hall for one of the better homemade videos I've seen; to Jesse Gallagher for maniacally demonstrating his chops on piano, guitar, accordion, bass, sax and drums; to Rick Johnson for not losing it when the production people started playing a cut from Lynyrd Skynyrd instead of Guns 'n' Roses; to Sean Aylward for bringing me back to the days when I listened a bit to Shel Silverstein; to Rob Bolway for the most

incredible gender-bending I've ever seen; to Long Dang for making me wish I could dance again; to Steve Arsenault for making me wish I had learned to juggle; to Chris Demko for having the chutzpah to proclaim that he's sexy; and to Bob Rawlinson for having enough wit to create his own rap.

Thanks to the seniors — last year's contestants — who did some of the best choreography of the night. Special nods to the two guys in tutus who came out first. And even more nods to the junior and senior girls who choreographed the dance numbers. You're pros.

And thanks to them all for a night of pure entertainment.

Memo to Jim Doherty: Wake up and smell the Ben-Gay, Jim. The candidate question didn't ask you to equate town government with cartoon characters. It asked you — YOU personally — what cartoon or comic strip character you might like to be. It was just for fun. You know — FUN?

Yes, yes, we all agree the business of town government is serious. But it would be a sad world indeed if there were never any room in it for smiles, imagination and even a bit of kidding around. Some call it not taking yourself too seriously.

Rent a sense of humor, at least every March. It helps with the "people skills." And it will be useful in your next 20 campaigns.

LETTERS

Girdwood: Bach offers an opportunity

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Why would I vote for Dr. Bach when Dr. Allen seemed to be the favored candidate for Superintendent? I have been asked this question and want you to know my answer.

The School Committee's most important responsibility is to select a superintendent. To help the committee make its decision, we designed a process to gather information from teachers, administrators, parents, and other community members. The process also included site visits by committee members to the finalists' school systems.

The information gathered from those teachers, administrators, school boards, parents, and community members shed light on a candidate's decision-making process and leadership style. These were critical components that we all had identified in the profile of a superintendent.

The information that our committee members gathered from Dr. Allen's and Dr. Bach's site visits was compelling for me. It made the difference in my vote. I learned of Dr. Bach's handling of difficult decisions, her work with all constituent groups, her communication skills, her ability to effect needed change, the respect she earned while moving a system forward, her strength of conviction, and her devotion to what's best for children.

Could I say the same about Dr. Allen? For the most part, yes, but there was something that seemed more unique, more special, more compelling that led me to make an extremely difficult choice.

I think if you could have experienced the site visits also, you would have understood my choice. I see Dr. Bach as an opportunity for Andover. An opportunity for her to help us make difficult decisions about our educational system, about what we want an Andover education to be. I welcome a fresh creative look at what we're doing, and an outsider with diverse experience to bring us together.

I hope this helps you to understand my actions. I'm sure you'll welcome Dr. Bach and join us in this opportunity to move towards excellence.

Tina Girdwood
Andover School Committee

School space crunch is just short-term

Editor, *Townsmen*:

We can debate all we want about such issues as fifth-graders in the middle school and the use of different existing school buildings, however, the most critical issue for school planning is whether there is a need for the Cross Street Middle School based on population factors alone.

Current population figures do not

Lights vote was disilluminating

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The following is an open letter to the current selectmen of the Town of Andover.

We have believed in the efficacy of town government as we know it here in Andover for many years. We have voted in all town elections. We have gone to great lengths to attend all nights of each Town Meeting every year, even though we have a young child.

Two years ago, at the 1996 Town Meeting, our daughter was the only child being watched in the cafeteria, even on the first night. At that time, we urged our fellow citizens to make more of an effort to attend Town Meeting, where we felt all of us could have a voice in running our town. We didn't send this message solely to those whose viewpoints are in accord with ours, but to everyone, because we believed in the grassroots democracy we thought Town Meeting represented.

At your meeting on Monday, March 16, all five of you sat and listened to a parade of well-behaved citizens, including no less a personage than Don Robb, the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Robb and others directed your attention to printed copies of a warrant article that was passed at the 1996 Town Meeting — the same one where our child was the only one being babysat — which called for "lights and water for ice skating" for Lower Shawsheen field.

There were also available highlighted copies of the official transcript from Town Meeting covering that article, clearly showing that floodlight towers are not mentioned anywhere in the discussion. (The only mention of lights at all was a proposal to "restore" — the exact word used — the low-intensity streetlight-type fixtures that had once been around the track to facilitate ice skating.)

Mr. Robb told you that although he worked with you on that very warrant

article for many months before Town Meeting, he had no idea that floodlights were being considered.

Despite the written proof available to you that these lights were never discussed or voted on or approved by Town Meeting, which we attended — like most of our neighbors and like Mr. Robb, we voted in favor of what we thought was the article — you voted five to zip to ignore all of the evidence and put up those lights. Most of you didn't even have the courage to comment on this aspect of the issue, except for Mr. Silverman, who is apparently capable of seeing printed words on paper and denying their existence — his last words were something to the effect of, "We're doing this because it was voted on at Town Meeting."

This travesty of democracy-in-action has left us disillusioned, saddened, and betrayed. We feel shafted, in a word. If the clearly-stated contents of a warrant article can be so blithely twisted that restoration of low-level lighting "magically" becomes 60-foot light towers that have never been there before, why are we sitting there night after night, year after year, at Town Meeting?

If you can manage to fool the well-respected chairman of the Finance Committee — who is in charge of preparing and distributing the Finance Committee Report which contains the warrant — by using bait-and-switch tactics, it's plain that you can and will fool anyone.

We will never again enjoy the simple faith of citizens who believe that what they are voting for is what they will get. In fact, we must now with heavy hearts ask ourselves whether we will ever again make the effort to attend a Town Meeting in order to participate in "direct democracy." After all, why should we bother?

Phyllis A. Zimmerman
Robert W. Zimmerman
9 Carisbrooke St.

is starkly evident here is that Andover is not in the midst of another major increase in student population as in the past. Rather it is on the edge of a new phenomenon — an aging population with new residents who are buying more expensive homes at an older age and having fewer children.

Population assumptions behind school space planning studies are seriously flawed, not withstanding an assessment against today's realities:

- Fewer new homes are being built.
- Andover's more expensive housing stock is attracting a different kind of buyer.
- More households do not have children.
- The number of children in a family have been declining.
- A smaller percentage of women in

Andover are of child-bearing age.

Past trend lines have little relevance for today's school planning in a state that has now entered an era of zero population growth. As in so much of what we have been saying in our debate over the Cross Street Middle School, let's slow down, analyze the data, and stop wasting money on a project that is built on flawed premises.

Population modeling based on the town's own figures and identified changes in town demographics show that the only way we can need a new middle school so massively scaled for 850 students is if Andover returned overnight to a 1950s lifestyle, and retirees and older people moved out of town en masse. Once in place, population trends do not change suddenly, because of built-in life cycle factors among individuals and segments of the population.

Unless there are undisclosed plans to increase the student population significantly through a hidden town growth agenda or by importing students from other towns, we are not going to need additional school space past the current bubble. Citizens United for a Better Andover is raising these issues to focus citizen involvement on townwide planning that goes far beyond the Cross Street Middle School alone.

We are willing to work with the town in developing a population planning model that fits with current realities. In the meantime, voting down warrants 29 and 30 for the Cross Street Middle School at town meeting is in the best interests of students as well as taxpayers.

Some bottoms-up student population homework is in order by all those so interested in spending such vast amounts of money on a new school and town infrastructure. Otherwise, school building and operating costs will be hemorrhaging in the very near future, driving up taxes and taking precious money away from teaching our children.

John G. Carlson
CUBA
1 Golden Oaks Lane

Apologize to Froburg

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am impressed that the candidates for police chief were tested on their ability to organize, communicate, listen, solve problems and write. Should I assume that this will become the accepted method to fill all town management positions? Following the precedent by the patrolman's union, it may also be a good idea for town employees to vote on who will be the next town manager.

I believe that the town of Andover owes Lt. Phil Froburg a thanks for a job well done. I believe that the town also owes him an apology.

Jim Fox
50 Walnut Ave.

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BUSINESS

Duprey named president of law firm

The law firm of Devine, Millimet & Branch, PA, with offices in Andover, announces that **Susan Vercillo Duprey** has been elected president.

Duprey has been a member of the Corporate Department since joining the firm in 1977. She will continue to practice law part time in the areas of real estate, municipal and government relations, and health care while responsible for managing the professional and business aspects of the firm.

Duprey is a member of Manchester (N.H.) Chamber of Commerce, Legislative Committee and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Board of Overseers. She recently ended a five-year term as trustee of Concord Regional Visiting Nurses Association, where served as vice chairman.

Duprey was elected twice to the Concord City Council, has served as a trustee of Concord Hospital and of Kimball Jenkins Estate and was a member of the Concord, N.H., Planning Board and Concord Heritage Commission for six years.

Raytheon sells laundry business for \$358m

Raytheon Company announced that it has entered into an agreement to sell its commercial laundry business for approximately \$358 million to a company organized by Bain Capital, Inc. and Raytheon Commercial Laundry management. The sale is subject to U.S. government approval and is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 1998.

The announcement followed the sale of approximately \$75 million of commercial laundry receivables through 1997.

Raytheon's commercial laundry

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Moving from pollution to production

For nine years it has been a nuisance, and not even an attractive one.

Well, perhaps attractive to a certain segment of the juvenile population, which has used it as a cover for some outdoor partying from time to time. But for just about everybody else in town, the former foam car seat storage facility at 44 Lowell Junction Road has been an eyesore, a derelict, a danger and a drain on town services, not even providing any tax revenue.

When the company went bankrupt and the building suddenly closed, there were back taxes owed, and town departments had to clean up and secure the building.

All that is about to change, however, thanks to changes in environmental regulations that have made polluted sites attractive to developers instead of just delinquents.

Brownfields Recovery Corp. of Boston, after approval from the Planning Board, is waiting out the 20-day appeal period but then hopes to pull building permits with the town, to begin renovation of the 135,000 square-foot building that is expected to transform it into a manufacturing plant for wood/plastic pallets for the Dura-Skid company, which expects to employ more than 40 people.

Eli Levine, an Andover resident since 1994 and a principal with Brownfields, says the company plans to put \$1.5 million in improvements into the building, and then lease it to Dura-Skid.

This, he says, is an example of what the loosening of environmental restrictions combined with financial incentives for the private sector can do.

The first major change, he says, occurred in 1993, when environmental regulations changed to allow private companies to do cleanups that previous-



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Reclamation project — Eli Levine, of Brownfields Recovery Corp., stands outside the building at 44 Lowell Junction Road that the company hopes to renovate and lease for manufacturing.

ly had been contracted and handled entirely by the understaffed state Department of Environmental Protection.

"The worst sites are still overseen by the state," he says, "and the state still has the authority to audit a cleanup at any point, but this has freed up developers to do cleanups without having to wait three years for the DEP to sign off on every piece of paper."

There was also a shift in regulations that allowed industrial sites to be cleaned to a lesser standard than those that would be used for residential or other, more sensitive uses.

The uses of those properties are restricted, "but it allows for some innovation."

Third, the new regulations limit liability. A person or company who buys a piece of property will not be held entire-

ly responsible for pollution created by a previous owner. Previously, the state's stance was, "if you own the land, you own the problem," and the cleanup standard was that every property had to be left with zero pollution. In many cases, that meant the cost of the cleanup would cost far more than the land was worth, so owners either walked away, or simply sat on them, not using them or trying to sell them.

Fourth, the economy is better. The private sector is willing to take on more risky real estate ventures," Levine says.

And fifth, while banks still may be reluctant to finance improvements to properties with environmental problems, the state Legislature is creating a pool of money to help finance improvements to such properties. "That should really free things up," Levine says.

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business, the leading manufacturer of commercial laundry equipment in North America and a major factor in the worldwide market, offers a full line of washers and dryers for light commercial use as well as large front-loading washers and heavy duty, tumbler dryers for heavy commercial use. The company's products are sold under three brand names: Speed Queen, UniMac and Huebsch.

This divestiture will virtually complete the implementation of plans resulting from Raytheon's strategic assessment of its appliance business begun in early 1997. The company sold its home appliance and heating/air conditioning business in 1997 together with associated receivables. The total proceeds from appliance business sales to date, including this agreement, will be in excess of \$1.1 billion.

Raytheon Company, based in Lexington, is a global technology firm with worldwide sales of more than \$20 billion and more than 118,000 employees. It employs about 4,500 in Andover.

Bor opens counseling practice on Central Street

Ann Bor announces the opening of her practice offering individually-tailored psychotherapy and counseling services to adults, adolescents, couples, families and groups, at 21 Central St.

Bor has been a guidance counselor at Doherty Middle School for the past five years. She took a leave of absence last June to develop her practice. She plans to continue working with adolescents and their families outside the school setting and will lead parent support groups throughout the year.

Bor was born in Budapest, Hungary, and immigrated to the United States as a young girl when her family fled the Soviet invasion. She is fluent in Hungarian and learned to speak French while she and her late husband lived in Belgium for nine years, where her two sons were born. She received a master of arts degree in clinical mental health counseling from Lesley College and is Massachusetts licensed and certified by the National Board of Certified Counselors.

PAN announces new hires, promotions

PAN Communications Inc., a public relations firm based at 300 Brickstone Square, has added two new staff members and made two internal promotions.

New staff members are account managers **Brian Wright**, formerly with Meltzer & Martin; and **Kevin Hattori**, formerly with Reed Exhibition Companies.

The following staff members have been promoted: **Ditas Mauricio**, a former senior associate, to account manager; and **Colin Sullivan**, a former junior associate, to associate.

Wild Harvest sets special events

The following events will take place at Wild Harvest Market, 40 Railroad Ave.

- Low-fat Pasta Sauces, Thursday, March 19, 4-5 p.m. Learn how to make healthy sauces. Sponsored by Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital.

- Spring into Spring with Weight Watchers, Friday, March 20, 5-6:30 p.m. Weight

Watchers cooking demonstrator **Doreen Iovanna** will show how to gear up for the Boston Marathon by demonstrating a "carbo-loading" recipe.

- Welcome to Wild Harvest, Friday, March 20, 6-7:30 p.m. New Wild-card-holders can take a tour with store manager **Gary Mathews**. Sign up at customer service.

- Juicing for Children, Saturday, March 21, noon-1:30 p.m. Juice bar manager **Mark Defrenzo** will explain the benefits of juices for children and create some special blends, designed to wean kids off non-nutritious sodas.

- Ask the Herbalist, Saturday, March 21, 4-6 p.m. **Geoffrey D'Arcy**, licensed acupuncturist and herbalist, will discuss effective natural health care with herbs like St. John's Wort, Kava Kava, Black Cohosh and more.

- Bulk Grains, Saturday, March 21, 9-10:30 a.m. Learn the basics of the bulk food department, including the health benefits of grains, and pick up simple cooking tips. Sponsored by Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital.

- Welcome to Wild Harvest, Friday, March 27, 6-7:30 p.m. New Wild-card-holders can take a tour with

store manager **Gary Mathews**. Sign up at customer service.

- Wonders of Garlic, Friday, March 27, 1-2:30 p.m. Join produce manager **Pat Salles** for a lesson on the health benefits of garlic.

- Foods that Heal, Friday, March 28, noon-2 p.m. Harvest table chef **Elliot Miller** will teach how to eat more healthfully and review foods with specific medicinal properties.

- Antioxidants, Monday, March 30, 4-7 p.m. Learn why antioxidants are such big preventative health stars and taste some antioxidant-rich fruits and vegetables. Present-

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ed by Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital.

Bedrosian honored for engineering excellence

P. Stephan Bedrosian of Andover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bedrosian of Andover, was one of six engineers inducted into the Engineering Excellence Society at

Lucent Technologies' Merrimack Valley Works. The North Andover location houses Lucent's largest manufacturing facility.

Membership in the society is granted each year by a peer review committee to a limited number of engineers who have made substantial contributions to their field during the previous five years. The Society, founded in 1969, currently has 80 active members. New members are inducted during ceremonies held during National Engineers Week in February.

Bedrosian is a member of technical staff in the Network Multiplex DDM-2000 Systems Engineering Department. His current work encompasses the coordination of synchronization data and data interface requirements between DDM-2000 and AnyMedia Access Multiplexer. He also provides technical assistance to the Lucent development community, customer teams, and the technical support organization.

Bedrosian has a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from

Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a master of science degree in electrical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. He lives with his wife, Ellen, and sons, Evan and Corey.

Gent, Dandage win Digital engineering awards

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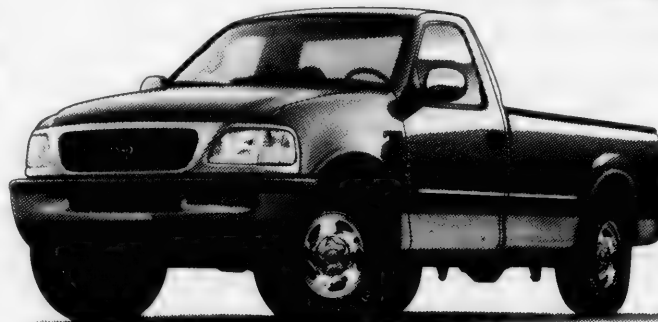
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BUSINESS

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tion's 1998 Engineering Team Award. This highest technical achievement award any group of individuals can receive at Digital recognizes significant technical achievement in support of Digital's strategic and business directions. The award is presented each year to the technical team that has delivered technical and business excellence through teamwork and collaborations.

Gent, a lead hardware engineer, and Dandage, who earned a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin, played key roles in developing Digital's award-winning AlphaServer 4100 symmetric multiprocessing computer system. They were key members of the engineering management team. Gent led a unit that tested various elements of the system as it was being developed and Dandage drove the sys-

tem definition process.

The AlphaServer 4100 system played a major role in the production of digital special effects in the Golden Globe Award-winning film *Titanic*, which has been nominated for 14 Academy awards, including best visual effects. Alpha-based systems were also used in *Sphere*, *An American Werewolf in Paris*, *Spawn* and other films, television programs and TV commercials. The system has won awards from Datamation magazine, BYTE magazine and

other trade journals and organizations.

The AlphaServer 4100 system is based on digital's 64-bit microprocessor architecture, the world's most advanced computing platform, and is powered by up to four 600 MHz Alpha microprocessors with up to eight gigabytes of memory.

The goal of the interdisciplinary team was to develop mid-range servers that would deliver high performance at competitive cost structures. A key element of their success

was their commitment to the development of product requirements based on customer needs, which were determined with a process called "concept engineering." From the beginning, team members listened carefully to customers, conducted customer interviews and methodically translated what they earned into product requirements.

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Production ...

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Brownfields Recovery was essentially created to take advantage of the market being created by the change in the state regulations.

Levine had been a principal with a firm called Environmental Reclamation Inc., (ERI) and went into partnership with real estate developer David Mugar's Mugar Enterprises Inc.

Mugar handles the real estate side of the business, while Levine and others from ERI handle the environmental part of it.

"It's still risky," Levine says, "because the fear is always that the project is going to get away from you. The stuff is in the ground, so how do you know how bad it is? But our expertise is in that area — knowing whether it's going to cost \$250,000 or \$1 million to clean it up.

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Skate or die? the question for park article

By Neil Fater

In-line skaters and skateboarders seeking a skateboarding park will watch Town Meeting to see if an article asking for a park will live, allowing them to skate, or die.

But before residents vote on whether to spend \$45,000 to build a park, town officials must decide where they will build it.

Although proponents continue to consider options, those attending a skate-park meeting Thursday morning failed to agree on a location. With Town Meeting about five weeks away, a decision must be made soon.

Youth services coordinator Bill Fahey says he wants both school and town leaders to support one location for a skate park.

"If they can provide a site, youth services will present a safe, clean, well-run park," vows Fahey.

Fahey hopes to forge a strong coalition of school and town officials capable of handling whatever difficulties may arise, as Andover pursues a skate park, he says.

But one of those difficulties is finding a spot for the park's ramps, rails and half pipes.

Youth Services has been looking for a site since autumn, when it was asked by the town to identify possible locations for the outdoor facility. As part of the search, youth service worker Glenn Wilson gathered together a group of skaters to talk about possible sites.

Fahey says Youth Services has considered sites located in areas of town that are:

- centrally located;
- easily accessible from Andover's middle schools; and
- on town-owned land.

Fahey says that the best of the dozen sites considered was the area behind Doherty Middle School that was also considered by seniors for a senior center. But another strong possibility, if only as a temporary solution, is to build a park on a part

of the tennis court area behind West Middle School. Tennis players have complained that the courts are poorly designed and do not leave enough space behind the baselines to allow for championship play.

Andover is talking about building a skate park both as another recreational opportunity and as a way to help ease the tension between skaters and downtown merchants

who believe young skaters scare away business. Some skaters say they have few other places to go to gather and perform stunts.

The \$45,000 on the warrant for a skate park includes \$5,000 for engineering design and \$40,000 for construction. Plant and facilities director Joe Piantadosi estimates the town would need \$3,000 per year to maintain the park.

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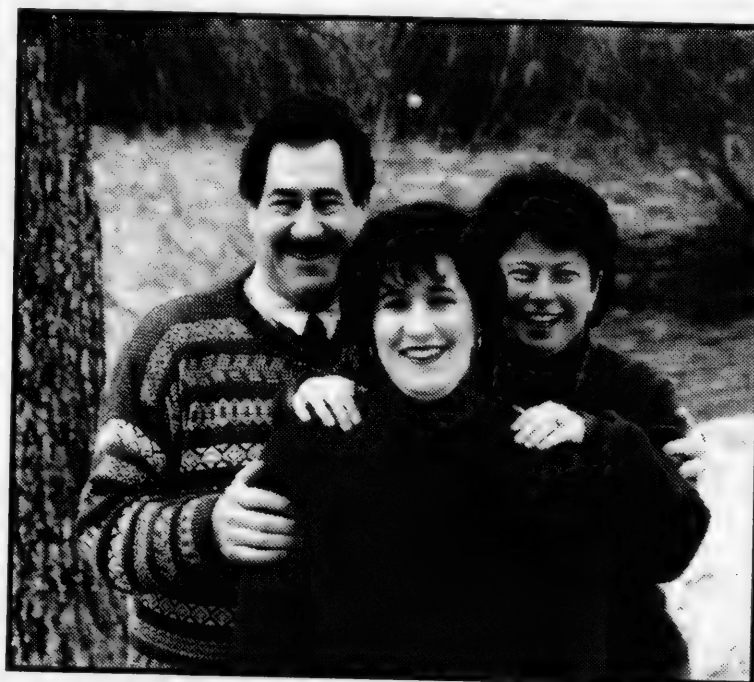
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Shown above are Lori Becker and her parents Bill & Jeanne at Pomp's Pond.

We can, especially if you remember another one of my favorite places. It's the Andover High Field House, where on Tuesday, March 24, you and I will cast our votes for our town officers. I'd appreciate your vote for Selectman.

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NEWS FOR SENIORS

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Archeology course

The Senior Center, in conjunction with Peabody Museum at Phillips Academy, will offer a mini-course on archeology Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The course will explore the archeology of the Merrimack Valley and local excavation currently underway. One field trip will be included. Register at the center. The cost is \$10 per person.

Aging is an adventure

Seniors are invited to join Andover High School students to participate in an interdisciplinary study of the process and issues of aging. The seven-week course will begin the week of April 6 from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Each week will be devoted to a different subject: psychology, sociology and ageism, literature and writing, visual arts and technology. Seniors may register for one or more weeks. There is no charge. Call Pat at the center to register.

Water aerobics

An eight-week session of water aerobics will begin Monday, March 23. The cost is \$15 for the session. Sign up at the center.

Tai Chi for beginners

A free demonstration of Tai Chi will be given Tuesday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the center. Tai Chi is known to be excellent for the mind and body. Balance and vitality can be improved and the slow move-

ment and deep breathing achieve relaxation and an increase in overall health.

Supper club

The supper club will try the Joe Fish Restaurant on Route 125 in North Andover. The menu selection, which features four entree choices, is available at the center. The cost is \$12 per person.

Fix-it shop

The fix-it shop will be held Monday, March 23, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Legal issues, health decisions

The March 27 Friday Forum will feature legal issues involving health decisions. Presenters will be Joel Semuels, an attorney and acting general counsel with the Executive Office of elder affairs, Bill Briggs, nurse manager of the emergency room at Lawrence General Hospital, and Kathy Kineen, director of social services at Lawrence General Hospital. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served. Call the center to make a reservation.

Computer interest group

The computer interest group will meet Tuesday, March 31, at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. A video on the Internet will be shown. All computer buffs are invited.

Governor's conference

The governor's regional conference on aging will be held at the Lawrence Senior Center Thursday, April 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. Workshops will be on health insurance choices, pertinent legislation and maintaining health. There is no charge but registration must be made prior to March 25 by calling the Lawrence Senior Center at 794-5883.

Men's breakfast

The men's breakfast will be held tomorrow, Friday, March 20, at 8:30 a.m. Mike Tougas, a naturalist and frequent contributor to Chronicle, will lecture and present a slide show on "Hidden Places in Massachusetts." Call the center to register.

Spring craft, bake sale

The annual spring craft and bake sale will be held Friday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The craft group has been creating great springtime and Easter decorations.

Bakers needed

The Senior Center's last bake sale until the

fall will be the Easter sale on Friday, April 3. All kinds of goodies are needed all donations are welcome. Close to \$300 was raised at the valentine sale, so your support is a tremendous help.

JFK Museum, Library trip

A trip to visit the birth site of our 35th president and tour of the JFK Museum and Library will be taken Thursday, April 23. Cost of the trip is \$16 per person, payable at the time of reservation.

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Lights ...

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for sports three seasons of the year. That's a giant leap and some of us can't figure how or why it happened."

A transcript of Town Meeting shows there was no specific reference to using the lights for soccer.

There was talk at Town Meeting that ice skating lights that had once been at the site would be "restored." Tom Deso, of High Street, made a point Monday of asking lighting consultant Irving Gould if the new lights could be defined as restoring what had once been there.

"Not at all," said Gould.

Some residents involved with meetings leading up to Town Meeting, such as Finance Committee member Don Robb and Dana Lanio also said they never heard that tall light posts would be installed and used for soccer. Shawsheen residents say more people would have opposed the vote if they had known it would allow for night-time soccer.

But Ron Hill, of Abbot Street, refuted those comments by saying he himself talked about having lights for soccer at meetings with Shawsheen residents.

"I specifically mentioned the lights (before Town Meeting). I know I did," he said. "I give everyone in this room my word the lights were mentioned."

Selectmen also say they knew the lights would be used for soccer.

But, recognizing that many Shawsheen residents had concerns about the effect of night-time sports, Selectman John Hess suggested installing the lights and creating a committee to deal with some of the related issues. The committee would include Shawsheen residents and would recommend hours and days that the lights should be used. It would also try to resolve concerns about increased trash, parking and safety problems.

Selectmen unanimously approved Hess' suggestion.

A suggestion by Selectmen Brian Major to allow for a different kind of light or lighting fixture that residents would deem more in keeping with the historic nature of Shawsheen did not meet with favor.

"If I listen to what Mr. Major says, we won't accomplish anything tonight," said Bill Downs. "We should have put those lights up a long time ago."

"This board didn't have to take (the lights issue) into considera-

tion at all, but it did," said Chairman Jerry Silverman. "There is a need."

"There are going to be some back yards that are going to have to open," said Selectman Larry Larsen. "There will be other fields lighted in Andover. There will be other fields irrigated in Andover. We are behind other towns."

Larsen said the town does not already have the lights in its possession because it stopped the order last fall. But he expects the town will acquire them quickly, he said.

Although some residents such as Robb question if the town is installing the lights because the soccer association is maintaining the Shawsheen soccer fields at its own expense, Larsen dismisses the suggestion.

Larsen and Andover Soccer Association member John Nourse say there was "absolutely not" a quid pro quo between the town and the soccer association.

Making it clear he was speaking only as a resident and not as a representative of the soccer association, Nourse said, "I think this is classic Not In My Back Yard. If everyone adopts this NIMBY philosophy, we're never going to do anything."

Immediately after the vote a group of Shawsheen residents gathered outside the selectmen's room to vent their frustration. Several signed a sheet saying that they wanted to be

kept informed of any new developments in the lighting saga.

But there was some variety of feeling.

"I don't have a problem with occasional use," said Dana Lanio, of York Street. "I just wish they had considered the aesthetic of the community in terms of the size of the lights."

Lighting experts Gould and Kelly Quinn say 60-foot poles will be used because taller poles allow the lights to be aimed directly down on the field. This reduces the glare and "spillage" seen by neighbors. The 60-foot poles will be above the tree line, but Gould said he would have needed 10 24-foot poles to light the area. "It would be very glarey and it certainly wouldn't do the job," said Gould.

Among residents' reasons for not wanting these lights are that:

- the Town Meeting article called for small ice-skating lights only;
- between the soccer that's already there and annual events such as the Feaster Five road race and the lighting of the Brickstone Tree, the Shawsheen neighborhood is already doing its part;
- they will affect the quality of life and the safety of their children; and
- they will not be compatible with the unique characteristics of Shawsheen, which is trying to become an historic district.

Retail overlay scrapped

By Neil Fater

Downtown lawyers, brokers and accountants who like first-floor living can breathe easier. Selectmen have voted to can a Town Meeting article that would have moved them up in the world by creating a new zoning district.

The new "retail priority overlay district" would have required new financial, insurance and law offices to use only the upper floors of downtown buildings, leaving first floor locations for restaurants and retail stores.

Meant to support retail downtown, district supporters hoped to encourage a more vibrant, cohesive retail district close to

Main Street.

But after recognizing that even planning board members believe the idea still needs fine-tuning, selectmen unanimously voted to recommend withdrawing the article from April Town Meeting.

"To have an article that's under planning but doesn't have planning's support doesn't make sense," said Selectmen Chairman Jerry Silverman.

Selectman John Hess also says the issue will continue to be discussed so that Andover can work out its kinks.

A slightly altered article is expected to be ready for a Special Town Meeting this fall, says Selectman Larry Larsen.

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Thursday, March 19

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main St., Haverhill, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices 7:30 p.m.

Greater Lawrence Technical High School District Commission, 57 River Road, 6 p.m.

Monday, March 23

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Board of Appeals, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, continued public hearing, 7 p.m., deliberation meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

Andover Classical Charter School, informational meeting on the proposal, The Franciscan Center, 259 River Road, 6-8 p.m.

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 26

Andover Classical Charter

School, informational meeting on the proposal, The Franciscan Center, 259 River Road, 6-8 p.m.

South School Council, South School, 55 Woburn St., 3 p.m.

Friday, March 27

Contributory Retirement Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, March 31

School Committee, School Committee Room, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Merrimack River Watershed Council, recruitment and reorientation, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1

CARE, Concerned Andover Residents for the Environment, South Congregational Church, 7:15 p.m.

Finance Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

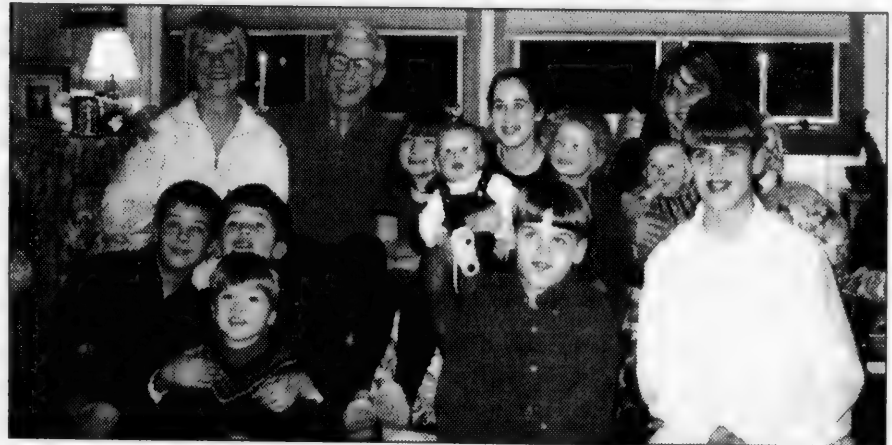
Design Advisory Group, first floor conference room, Town Offices, 8 p.m.

Ballardvale Historic District, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

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Watch along, sing along — Sanborn School students watch and participate in the "World's Largest Concert" last week, with a little help from the school's new 60-inch television.

Sanborn sings with the world

When Sanborn School students sing, the whole world sings with them, or at least it did last week in the World's Largest Concert as part of the Music Educators National Conference.

The 475-member Sanborn student body sat on the floor in the auditorium to watch the event on television.

They listened to a portion of the 30-minute program, and sang along with the rest to songs including "This Land is Your Land" and "God Bless America."

The MENC estimates more than 8 million people watched or participated in the broadcast from Madison, Wis., which featured the Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra

and the Canadian Brass.

Fifth-grader Oriana Federico, and member of the school chorus says she had fun because a lot of people were participating.

Choral member and fourth-grader Nandini Vijayakumar says it was fun to watch other students around the country sing along.

Part of the program included live shots of classrooms around the country singing along.

Kindergartner Alexis Gertie, along with many other students, says her favorite song was Don't Let the Music Stop, because it was a fun song and she liked the tune.

Students practiced for the concert with music teacher

Terry Scullin, who received hearty applause from the students when the program praised the hard work of music teachers across the country.

When the show was over, Scullin prompted the students in an spontaneous performance of "Happy Birthday" for Principal Dr. Jade Reitman.

Reitman then solicited guesses on her age from students. Guesses ranged from 32 to 52. Reitman's only response: "Guess what, I'm not telling."

The broadcast marked the debut of a new 60-inch television purchased by the school's PTO.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Kindergarten registration set

Andover kindergarten registration will take place at the elementary schools in Andover during April. Registration packets were mailed to prospective kindergarten parents Friday, March 13. Children entering kindergarten in September must be 5 years old by Sept. 1, 1998.

At orientation meetings, parents will be expected to bring completed registration materials, and will have the opportunity to meet with the principal, teachers, the school nurse, learning specialist

and the school secretary. For more information call the principal of the school. All meetings will be held from 7-8 p.m.

- Sanborn School, Lovejoy Road, Principal Dr. Jade Reitman, April 8;

- Shawsheen School, Magnolia Avenue, Teresa Murphy, April 13;

- West Elementary, Beacon Street, Charles Friel, April 14;

- South School, Woburn Street, Dr. Eileen Woods, April 15;

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Sanborn parents fight for more portable classrooms

By Rebecca Lipchitz

In an effort to reclaim space intended for art and music classes, parents of Sanborn School students asked the School Committee to add two portable classrooms for next year to the quickly closing school budget.

The budget slated for Town Meeting this April includes a request for two portables at Sanborn, but parents say unless they school gets two more — a total of four — Sanborn would be the only school in Andover without dedicated space for art and music classes.

"If you hear frustration in the voices of Sanborn parents, it's because we bought into a plan that eventually was abandoned," said Patti Mullen, the parent coordinating the Sanborn Site Plan Committee.

Recent renovations brought the building up to code, she said, but it also resulted in the loss of two classrooms. The second half of that project that should have provided more classrooms was never completed, she said.

After the Sanborn parents presented three possible options to the Committee March 3, Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle returned Tuesday to the committee with an analysis:

- Two additional portables for 1998 would cost the town \$195,000 over the next three years.

- One additional portable for 1998 and reconfiguration of the Learning Center space would cost between \$100,500 and \$102,500 over three years.

- One additional portable and reconfigura-

tion of the music room would cost \$122,500 over three years.

- Reconfiguration with no additional portables would cost between \$28,000 and \$30,000.

The last option, reconfiguration with the two portables already budgeted, but no more, would not regain any space for art and music, Mullen said, because enrollments are expected to go up to 488 next year.

A total of three portables would minimize disruption and permanent change, Mullen said, but wouldn't save art or music space.

While the group said four classrooms would make their programs work best in the spaces they were intended, Mullen said she's "not married to" that request.

Committee member Eric Nadworny said anything less than that is "not really acceptable," but the problem arises to make things fair for other schools with space problems.

"We need to address it everywhere," he said.

School Committee Chairman Tina Girdwood agreed. "We need to look at this with a system wide approach, and we would need to do it for other schools as well," she said.

Committee member David Birnbach said he was interested in the most educationally-sound option, and calculated that including all the requests for portables from Andover Elementary Schools, the department would have to spend about \$1.1 million for a short term solution.

"If we have a problem here, that's a big problem," he said.

Nadworny said space in elementary schools hasn't been used ideally for many years. "There's no question we'll find a solution, but my preference is to find the best solution," he said.

Finance Committee member Don Robb, who sat in the audience, told committee members it was getting late in the budget process to add things, but that they could

add and remove things from a \$550,000 list of capital improvement projects.

Committee members agreed they would need to see what they were taking off the list before putting two more portables onto it.

Superintendent Richard E. Neal said he would bring the CIP list to the next meeting for review.



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SCHOOL TALK

Get your crayons ready, kids, the annual **Andover Center Association (ACA)** Spring Coloring contest begins Saturday, March 21. Visit any downtown store or business that is an ACA member and pick up your picture to color and a prize for entering the contest. Return your finished picture to any ACA business for display. A drawing for the winner will be held the end of April. The winner will receive a bicycle. The contest is for ages 12 and under. For more information, call **Tom Keefe** at 475-7872.

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Hitting Home is sponsored by **Quota International of Andover**.

For more information, call **Joyce Najjar**, Quota service committee, at 475-5456.

The **Massachusetts State College Council of Presidents** will sponsor College Information Sessions for high school juniors on Wednesday, March 25, at Sheraton Hotel in Braintree and Thursday, April 2 at Colonial Hilton in Lynnfield, from 7 to 9 p.m. The directors of admission and financial-aid professionals will provide students with information regarding the Massachusetts State College system.

Each school in the State College system, comprised of **Bridgewater State College**, **Fitchburg State College**, **Framingham State College**, **Massachusetts College of Art**, **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**, **Massachusetts Maritime Academy**, **Salem State College**, **Westfield State College** and **Worcester State College**, has its own distinct character, based on regional location, campus size, academic programs and student and athletic programs.

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reserve seating, call 1-800-292-6632.

The **North Andover Historical Society** has planned several April programs that will teach children 7-10 years old an early American skill. "From Fleece to Yarn" on Friday, April 10, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. will teach children how to work with wool as it comes off the sheep, hand-card and spin the fleece with a drop spindle. "Stenciling & Sponging" on Wednesday, April 22, will teach children the Early American craft of stenciling and sponge-painting from 10 a.m. to noon. The "Fun Finished" session from 2 to 4 p.m. will teach how to create special effects on paper, such as dragging, graining and marbling. Refreshments will be offered. Sessions are \$6 each for members, \$8 for non-members. Sign up for two sessions and save: \$10 for members, \$14 for non-members. Preregistration is required. Space is limited to 12 children.

Schedule and registration materials for the summer history camp are available. This year's sessions will run July 6-10 and July 20-24, and will be split between the historical society and American Textile History Museum in Lowell. The camp is limited to 14 campers ages 7-12.

Call the North Andover Historical Society at 686-4035 for more information.

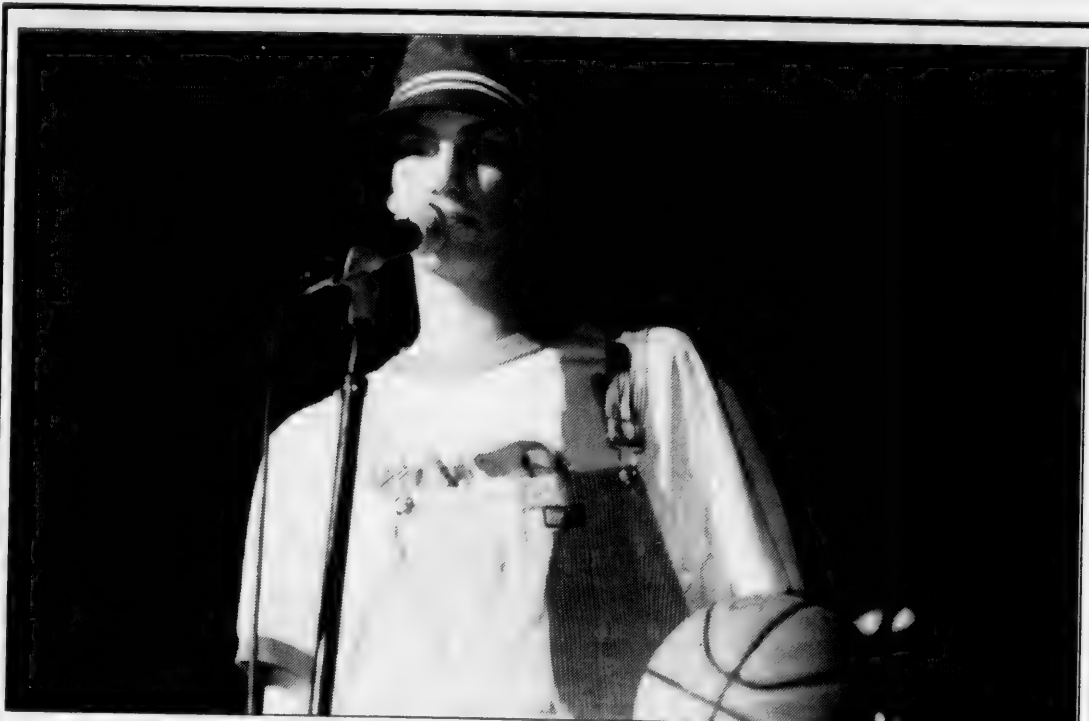
The **Cape Ann Waldorf School**, 668 Hale St., Beverly Farms, invites parents of kindergarten or nursery age children to an introduction and tour Thursday, March 26. Registration at 10:45 a.m. will be followed by tours of classrooms at 11 and presentation and questions with faculty at 11:30. RSVP by calling Christine in the admissions office at (978) 927-1936.

Are you planning a trip to **Walt Disney World** and don't know where to begin? The North Reading Adult Education program will offer three "Disney Like a Pro" seminars: Disney for Families (April 1); Disney for the First-time Visitor (April 8) and Disney for Adults (April 15) from 7-9 p.m.

Terri Fallon will discuss insider tips on what's new in Walt Disney World, rides, shows, restaurants, hotels, new attractions, the Animal Kingdom, how to plan your trip, avoid lines and stay within a budget.

The cost per seminar is \$10. To register, send a check, name, address, day and evening telephone number and the course name, or call **Jeanette Dugas**,

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Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

The 7th annual Mr. AHS contest reopened the Collins Center at Andover High last Friday night, March 13. Friday the 13th proved to be a lucky date for Evan Martin (above), who was voted Mr. AHS by the five judges: Lawrence superintendent (and former Andover superintendent) Ken Seifert; Kim Stamas of DCS, businesswoman Lori Becker; businessman Leo Gravell; and *Townsmen* editor Taylor Armerding. Evan's talent performance included a very gymnastic dance routine.



Finishing in second place was Jesse Gallagher, who did a fencing routine.



Rick Johnson, who did a dead-on Axel Rose of Guns 'n' Roses, was third.



AHS principal Ellen Parker enjoys one of the evening's many lighter moments.

Local students honored at area schools

Four Andover students received honors for the first half of the academic year at **Belmont Hill School** in Belmont. Honors are granted to a students who has a B average in a four- or five-course program.

They are James Ford, son of Robert and Pamela Ford; Daniel Lombard, son of Michael and Patricia Lombard; Michael Shannon, son of Michael and Caroline Shannon; and Alan Topalian, son of Edward and Judith Topalian.

The following Andover students have been named to the honor roll at **Pin-gree School** in South Hamilton.

They are senior Melissa Small, daughter of Sheldon and Judith Small; senior Daniel Peikin, son of Linda Peikin; junior Christina O'Neill, daughter of Stephen and Mary O'Neill; sophomore Matthew Santos, son of Arthur and Kimberly Santos; and freshman Rebecca Hellman, daughter of Joel and Brenda Hellman.

Brooks School in North Andover has announced that 10 students from Andover have been named to the honors list for the fall semester.

They are Katharine Childs, Nathan Edwards, Christine George, Nicolas Lirette, Kerry Nugent, James O'Connor, Alison Pennelli, Erik Shaughnessy, Courtney Sullivan and Adrienne Weisner.

Childs is the daughter of Thomas and Julie Childs. The sophomore participates in field hockey, swim club and ski club and is a campus tour guide.

Edwards is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Edwards. The sophomore participates in football

and track.

George is the daughter of Matthew and Susan George. The freshman participates in field hockey, crew and stage crew.

Lirette, a junior, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Michel Lirette.

Nugent is the daughter of George and Luanne Nugent. The freshman participates in soccer, ice hockey and lacrosse.

O'Connor is the son of Walter and Suzanne O'Connor. The junior participates in crew, winter club and drama.

Pennelli is the daughter of Paul and Patricia Pennelli.

The freshman participates in soccer, ice hockey, lacrosse, dance and drama and is involved with the student council, community service, and campus radio station.

Shaughnessy, a junior, is the son of William Shaughnessy.

Sullivan is the daughter of Michael and Susan Sullivan. The sophomore participates in soccer and lacrosse.

Weisner is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Weisner. The sophomore participates in cross-country, basketball, tennis, glee club and

the Ashburn Society.

Andover students Amy Pritchard, a junior, and Nicholas Pritchard, a freshman, earned high honors at **Minute-man Science-Technology High School** in Lexington for the second marking period.

Christopher Diamond, son of the Rev. James and Barbara Diamond of Andover, has qualified as a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, which recognizes high scholastic achievement. National Merit Scholarship winners

will be selected this spring. Diamond is a senior at **Phillips Academy**.

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers announced that Andover students have achieved academic honors for the second quarter of the 1997-'98 school year.

Daniel C. Coleman, William C. Hankey IV and Michael A. Ravens have been named to the headmaster's list.

Sean T. Carlson, Patrick B. Clark, Patrick M. Coleman, Jarrod C. Connors and Casey W. Russo

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Andona Society's scholarship applications available now

This year the Andona Society will award three \$1,500 scholarships to graduating seniors whose official residence is Andover. A Greater Lawrence Technical School scholarship and a 766 PAC scholarship are also awarded annually.

Applications are available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school seniors can pick up applications at Memorial Hall Library reference desk, or by mailing a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover 01810, Attention: Cindy Thibodeau. Include a self-addressed envelope. AHS applications must be received in the school guidance office by Thursday, April 16. Private school and other postal applications must be postmarked no later than Thursday, April 16.

The Andona Society, a non-profit organization founded in 1952, raised more than \$33,000 last year to benefit Andover youth programs. Andona has contributed to Odyssey of the Mind teams, Andover/North Andover YMCA Reach out to Youth campaign, high school sports teams, PAC organizations, community service programs, aquarium and science museum passes for the town and elementary and middle school programs.

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director, at (978) 664-9966, or Millie Canavan, secretary, at (978) 664-7800.

Rebecca Colgate will represent Andover High and Massachusetts, joining 12,000 other students at the DECA National Marketing Conference, which will be held April 24-29 in Denver, Colo. Students qualify to attend the conference from across the country, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and District of Columbia.



Rebecca Colgate

Other Andover High students who placed in the top 10 overall in their respective categories are Michael Burnett,

David Krasik, Alison McClaren and Stacie Nelson.

AHS students who received recognition by winning certificates, plaques or medallions are Sarah Ely, David Gutstein, Kirsten Houghton, Jaci Riordan, Patrick Roy and Mike Sheehy.

Jo Ann Samra and Joe Spanos, marketing and entrepreneurship advisers, said, "Andover High



Hosting Shawsheen School's evening at Addison Gallery are members of the PTO board, from left, Nancy Stolberg, Mary Lyman, Theo Moccia, Mary Kay Poe and PTO president Andrea Zaines.

Photo by Carol Van Doren

TV News a new course offering at AHS

Andover High teachers Joe Spanos and Harry Durso have introduced a new "Television News" course to the Andover High curriculum. The course, which began Monday, Jan. 27, is giving students at the high school a chance to learn the skills that will be used to produce local television newscasts. These newscasts, produced at the high school's television studio, will air on local cable access stations, courtesy of MediaOne.

The goal of the newscasts will be to showcase local happenings and to promote better communication throughout the community. "TV News will, hopefully, reflect the many great things that go on at AHS," Spanos said. The practice newscasts so far have covered sports results, student and community activities, interesting happenings in and around the school, controversial issue updates, and other interesting happenings. "I think that TV News could develop an important source of current and accessible information to the community, in regard to real issues and events that happen at the high school," said Durso.

The new class is open to students of all grade levels. "There's a lot of talent, and great mix of students from all four grade levels and different academic backgrounds," Spanos commented. The Andover High students currently taking TV News are Sean Chicarello, Stephen Chicarello, Jenny Detterman, Peggy Eghbalian, Sarah Eudenbach, Andrew Fitzgerald, Michael Garrity, Alex Hauck, John Huggins, Patrick McCabe, Fatih Penda, Sean Piantedosi, Jay Quinn, Adam Stone, and Michael Zizzo. The only requirement to take the course is that students must have taken one previous television or multimedia production course at the high school to ensure that students are already trained to use the equipment.

For more information about the course, or for story ideas and other possible contributions, send letters to Joe Spanos, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, Andover, 01810; or call 623-8600.

School has an unprecedented 20 consecutive years of qualifying students to the national marketing conferences."

Bancroft School's student council implemented a community service project for Lazarus House with the theme of "Provide a Bed with Lincoln's Head." Since October, Bancroft students have

been contributing their loose change to purchase a bed for the needy. Last week, the students presented Sister Mary Ellen Broderick with a full jar of money. She thanked the children and told them how Lazarus House helps people just like everyone else get through tough times.

On March 2, Shawsheen

School music teacher Regina Stein and physical education teacher Beth Shiff led morning and afternoon kindergarten classes in special demonstration programs for parents. Students show how much they had learned over the last six months by playing percussion instruments and tone bells, climbing the cargo net and juggling scarves.

The highlight of the program was the students singing verses of the song *May There Always Be Sunshine* in Russian.

Shawsheen parents and staff hobnobbed on the campus of Phillips Academy during Shawsheen's annual spring event, "An Evening at the Addison Gallery," on Saturday, March 7. The semi-formal party was hosted by Shawsheen School PTO officers Andrea Zaines, president; Nancy Stolberg, vice-president; Mary Lyman, secretary; and Theo Moccia, treasurer; assisted by members of the fundraising committee. Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wines, and beers were served as people strolled among the exhibits at the gallery. Flower arrangements were created by PTO member

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At the successful end of their "Provide a Bed with Lincoln's Head" fundraising campaign are, from left: Tatiana Schoeppler, Kendall Toland, Dereck Allain, Sister Mary Ellen Broderick, Briga Helan, Trevor Efinger, Jack Thorlin, Principal Norah McCarthy and David Silberstein.

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'Grease' is the word at AHS

Greasers, Pink Ladies, leather jackets, poodle skirts and 1950's rock 'n roll will take over the Collins Center stage in May.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the screen version of *Grease*, which has been chosen as the Andover High School Drama Guild's spring musical.

Grease will be performed on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at 8 p.m. at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School. It will be the first musical production to be performed at the Collins Center in two years.

Cast member Lindsey Strube says, "The entire student body is looking forward to this show and everyone is especially excited about being back at the Collins Center."

More than 80 students turned out for the auditions last month.

Director Robert Lague of the AHS fine arts department reports "lots of energy and enthusiasm among the cast."

According to Lague, "It was obvious from the beginning that the students really wanted to do

Grease this year. They collected over 600 signatures from students, teachers and community members in support of the show."

Rehearsals are underway with a cast of 49 AHS students, including Meredith Affleck, Mike Aram, Erin Baggeroer, Dan Barch, Anthony Barounis, John Bauser, Antonio Beliveau, Dasha Bolotina, Tom Bolster, Amy Brennan, Greg Brennan, Laura Brown, Charlotte Chanler, Lisa Chang, Stephanie Ciampa, Desiree Croteau, Kimberly Davidson, Joe Deering, Christopher Desjardins, Jenny Detterman, Christina DiVincenzo, Diana Finegold, Julie Flynn, Stephen Fontanella, Jesse Gallagher, Mike Garrity, Christina Ghiloni, Julie Hayner, Marianne Iulucci, Morgan Jacobson, Karli Jaffe, Ellen Keith, Jen Lee, Maryka Lier, Fallon Mattis, Patrick McCandless, Lisa Mueller, Amy Pineault, Jenny Powers, Valeria Raster, Shakia Roberson, Sarah Ruderman, Sarah Spollett, Adam Stone, Melissa Stone, Lindsey Strube, Zakk Traynor, Andy Turco and Ben Waxler.

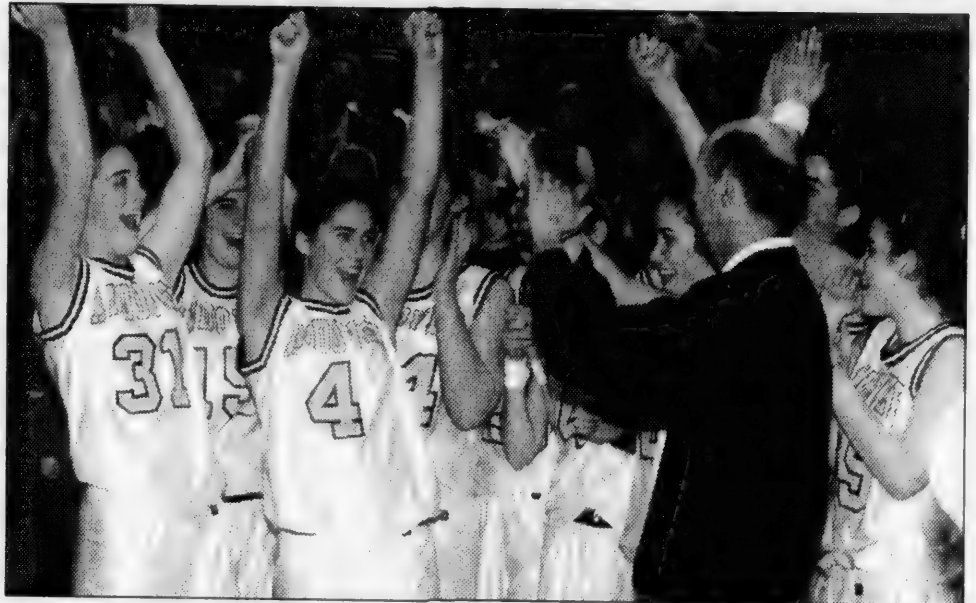
Andover students in Pingree performance

The Pingree Children's Theatre Troupe announces its cast for Pat Rosenthal's *The Princess and the Pea*, the classic fairy tale. Andover residents Becca Hellman will play the role of Queen Sarsaparilla and Laurel Outwin will portray a maid and forest creature. The production is being produced by special arrangement

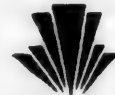
with Pioneer Drama Service of Englewood, Colo. Special school day performances will be held Monday, April 27, and Thursday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m. in the Pingree Performing Arts Center, 537 Highland St., South Hamilton. Ticket prices are \$4. For more information or reservations, call the theater at (978) 468-2194.

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The scholarship fund for Andover High seniors will benefit from all the profits.

In between the auction sets, the audience will be entertained by some of Andover High's faculty and students. Desserts will also add to the evening. A silent auction will open for bids at 1 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m. when the winners will be announced.

Jay Darrin, a math teacher at the high school, will keep the bids and puns coming during the auction. Be ready to be amazed by one of his famous wardrobe surprises. If you

could use an upscale picnic for eight or a membership to an athletic club, Darrin is sure to entice you to join the fun for a worthy cause, organizers said.

Any senior at Andover High School is eligible to apply for the local scholarship monies by filling out an application available at the counseling department office after April 1. The proceeds will be given to the local chapter of Dollars for Scholars to distribute. In that way scholarship recipients may benefit from the collegiate partnership program available at most colleges.

This means that a student's financial aid package will not be reduced by the amount of the scholarship.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for students, and are available from Liz Willey at 681-8321, or Sara Tuman at 475-8433, or at the door. Organizers said, "We hope that the Andover community will support this worthy effort to help AHS seniors attain their educational goals. Join us at Old Town Hall on March 21 for an evening of fun and entertainment coordinated by the National Honor Society."

Andover public school students to participate in District concert held at Lowell High School

Five hundred and fifty students from grades 6 through 9 will perform in the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeast Junior District Festival this Saturday, March 21, at Lowell High School in Lowell at 2:30 p.m. This program is offered by the M.M.E.A. as an enrichment opportunity, and provides a musical experience otherwise unavailable. Outstanding music students from more than 80 public and private schools participated in auditions in January. The students were selected to perform in the Junior District Orchestra, Concert Band, Boys' Chorus and Girls' Chorus and rehearsed with guest conductors. The following students were selected to represent Andover in the concert.

From Doherty Middle School: Chorus (Robert Lague, director), Josh Desjardins, Tanner Efinger, Andrew Fraser, Emily Gentile, Tyler Hopkins, Aurora Jennings, Martin Johnson, Kezia Liversidge, Scott Lundgren, Daniel Rubin, and Dale Spollett; Band (Mark Napierkowski, director), Marianna Klegman; Orchestra (Stephen Heimlich, director), Ross Skaliotis and Lindsey Williams.

From West Middle School: Chorus (Judith Palmer, director), Priscilla Chan, Hannah Goldstein, Michelle Kalaw, Christine Lindsay and Mary Claire Olsheskie; Band (Mark Napierkowski, director), Eliza Roberts; Orchestra (Stephen Heimlich, director), Eric Chung, Emily Robbins, and Gina Tsai.

From Andover High School: Chorus (Robert Lague, director), Jeff Balbuena, Tom Bolster and Marianne Iuliucci.

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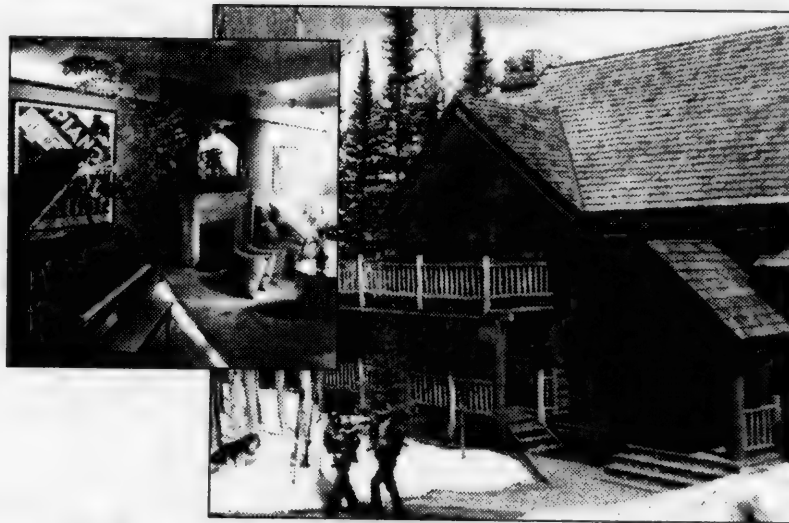
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Local students are winners at regional Odyssey of the Mind competition

Last Saturday, 115 Andover students participated in the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition at Merrimack College. Andover received four first-places; three second-places; and one third-place as well as three special awards, called renatras, for unique creativity and one outstanding OMER for trying one's hardest. Teams winning first place will compete at the States March 28 at Worcester Polytech. Two second-place teams, Pageant Wagon from Doherty Mid-

dle School and Camouflage Creation from Bancroft School, will also go to the States.

A listing of the honors, by schools, follows.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

First place

Problem: Marvelous Mentor Division 3

Coaches: Jeff Corliss and Norma Shepperd

Team members: Tom Bolster, Ross Corliss, Ryan Domigan, Matt Longo, Emily Shepperd, Jill Ternullo.

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Second place

Problem: Morph Magic Division 2

Coach: Marty Mason

Team members: Ariel Gold, Paul Lam, Andrew Mason, Rohan Joshi, Avi Lasser, David McGrath.

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

First place, team renatra

Third place

Problem: Camouflage Division 2

Coach: Kate Leitermann with assistance from Gail Sendেকে

Team members: Jeremy Foley, Andrew Leitermann,

Paul McLaughlin, Sriram Ramgopal, Steven Schade, Thomas Valleau.

Second place, team renatra

Problem: Pageant Wagon Division 2

Coaches: Diane Hender and Kim Hanna

Team members: Josh Accomando, Alex Hanna, Taylor Hender, Justin Ho, Bowen Li, Heather Stocks, Jacob Sweeney-Samuelson.

First place

Problem: Morph Magic Division 2

Coaches: Lorraine Mason and Lynn Barash

Team members: Nick Barash, Gordon Hoople, Alex Marsh, Jennifer Mason, Christa Milley, Geoffrey Shulik, Lea Ventura.

BANCROFT ELEMENTARY

[Adam Rice wins personal renatra]

Problem: Create and Animate Division 1

Coach: Anne Hinds

Team members: Brandon Elvidge, Caitlin Harkins, Eric Hinds, Ben Nelson, Seth Putnam, Adam Rice, Kaitlin Warnock.

Second place

Problem: Camouflage Creation Division 1

Coach: Susan Haselhorst

Team members: Braydon Hass, Mary Keohane, Garrett Rayner, Samantha Lederie-Paskal, Kyle Williams.

SOUTH ELEMENTARY

First place, team OMER

Problem: Create and Animate Division 1

Coaches: Sherry V.

Gordon-Shulik and Jay Gardner, with help from Cynthia Marsh

Team members: Katie Hoople, Nicholas Milley, Rachel Rosenberg, Allison Ryans, Martin Serna, Harrison Shulik, Maddy Sundberg.

Andover students receive honors

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were named to the honor roll.

A student must achieve grades of 90 percent or above in all courses to qualify for the headmaster's list. The honor roll requires that all grades must be 85 percent or above.

The following students from Andover were named to the honor roll at **Austin Preparatory School** in Reading for the second quarter of the 1997-'98 academic year.

The highest honor is that of distinction. These students have achieved six grades of A- or better: Rachel Hartman and Elizabeth Mancuso.

The second level of honors is high honors. These students have achieved at least two A-grades with no grades lower than a B: Colleen Griffin, David Hartman, Heather Martin and Caitlin Simili.

The third level is honors. These students have achieved at least five B-grades with no grade lower than a C: Kristen Boyce, William Deluca, Amparo-Maria Folch, Matthew Leonard, Thomas Martin, Matthew Pimentel, Anthony Rita, Matthew Samler and Dailyn Tanner.

Carey Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Levine of Andover, has received academic recognition for the first semester at **Vermont Academy**, a private secondary school in Saxtons River, Vt. The junior was named to the honors list, which signifies a grade-point average of 3.0 or above with no grade below C.

Thirty-four seniors have been nominated for membership in the **Phillips Academy** chapter of the Cum Laude Society, a national organization that recognizes academic excellence in secondary schools. Students must achieve among the highest numerical grades in their class to be nominated. Students are elected to the Cum Laude Society in May.

Students from Andover include: Kimberly Ballard-Perrin, daughter of Dr. Robert Perrin and Leslie Ballard; Patrick Curtis, son of Dr. Manning and Margarita Curtis; Raj Dandage, son of Dr. Subhash and Kanchan Dandage; Gregory Dennis, son of Jeffrey and Jeanne Dennis; and Ned Yetten, son of Raymond and Karen Yetten.

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24 Hour Relay Challenge planning meeting is tonight



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The fourth 24 Hour Relay Challenge will take place May 30-31 at Eugene V. Lovely Field at AHS.

Plans are underway for Andover's fourth 24 Hour Relay Challenge, which will take place May 30 and 31 at Eugene V. Lovely Field. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Andover High School Community Service Program. "This program is renowned for its strong ties to the community and its achievements in service learning," according to relay directors Dan Barch, Caitlin Neri and Nicki Shoemaker.

In the relay, each member a 10-person team walks or runs a mile in succession for 24 hours. "The supporting activities enhance the enjoyment for all involved, making this an entertaining and exciting experience," they said.

Essential to the success of the relay is the involvement and support of the community. There are many ways to con-

tribute to the 24 Hour Relay. The primary goal is to have a diverse representation of the community and its organizations form teams. Each team member is required to raise \$50 to participate in the Challenge. Other ways include volunteering, providing entertainment and donating services or funds.

"We invite you to attend an informational meeting to meet with the planning team and learn more about this extraordinary event.

You will also have the opportunity to discuss your potential involvement in the 24 Hour Relay and ask any questions you may have."

The meeting will be held tonight, Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School cafeteria.

RSVP to the AHS Community Service Room at 623-0964.

Senior Safari: the 6th annual AHS graduation celebration in the works

It may be several months away, but parent volunteers are working to make Senior Safari, the sixth annual graduation celebration, the best ever.

Ten logos for Senior Safari '98 were submitted for review by the senior class. The three top winners are Megan Gregg, Kristen Pellerin and Samantha Aufiero. They will receive free admission to the Safari and their logos will be imprinted on T-shirts, letterhead, tickets, and thank-you posters.

The "veterans" who come back year after year to offer their time and talent will be joined by lots of newcomers jumping on board. Traditionally, only underclass parents are allowed to be guides during that evening; therefore, parents of seniors are urged to contact the cleanup committee, where you will be most welcome, they said.

Again this year, the Mercantile has offered to help fund the event by contributing 100 percent of the proceeds of the household goods or clothing you donate to them. Wednesday is consignment day.

Every effort is being made to contact all the parents who have volunteered and assign them to a comminee. Because of the numbers, sometimes someone's name may be overlooked.

In the event you are interested but haven't heard from the committee, contact senior co-chairs Carol Viola or Chris Belorado.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what for lunch at Andover public schools the week of March 23-27:

Elementary schools

Monday: Deli pita with Trix yogurt, cheeseburger with puffs, chicken nuggets and puffs, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Two-taco Tuesday, mexicali rice, chicken sticks and fries, chef's salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Tuna sub with chips, hot dog with puffs, chicken nuggets and puffs, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes and vegetables, chef's salad, fruit, milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, chicken nuggets and puffs, chef's vegetable, fruit, milk.

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available daily.

Middle schools

Monday: Ravioli with salad, cheeseburger with fries, chef's choice, chicken nuggets and puffs, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Two-taco Tuesday, mexicali rice, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool, chef's salad, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Roast turkey with potatoes and vegetable, bakery pizza, chef's choice, chicken nuggets and puffs, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Salisbury steak with mashed potatoes, bakery pizza, chicken McSchool, chef's salad, fruit, milk.

Friday: Pizza stick with soft pretzel, bakery pizza, chef's choice, chicken nuggets and puffs, fruit, milk.

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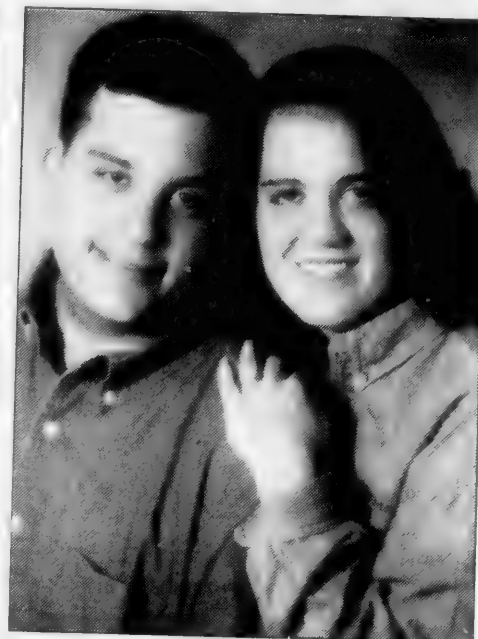
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Markey-Emerson

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Markey, formerly of Andover, announce the engagement of their daughter, Taryn, to Steven Emerson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Donald J. Emerson of Fremont, Calif.

Ms. Markey is a 1989 graduate of Andover High School and a 1993 graduate of Pepperdine University. She is a self-employed interior and furniture designer.

Mr. Emerson, a 1992 graduate of Pepperdine University, is a freelance screenwriter. Both live in Los Angeles.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Callison-Gero

Malcolm W. Callison of Andover announces the engagement of his daughter, Jennifer Mary, to Anthony Donald Gero, son of Anthony and Linda Gero of Madison, N.J.

Ms. Callison is also the daughter of the late Priscilla A. Callison. She graduated from Andover High School and from Simmons College with a major in graphic design. She is employed by the Lunar Group in Whippany, N.J.

Mr. Gero graduated from Chatham High School in New Jersey and University of New Hampshire with a degree in business administration. He is employed by Franklin Mutual Series Fund in Short Hills, N.J.

The couple plan a May wedding.

O'Brien-Lindblom

Mr. and Mrs. William K. O'Brien announce the engagement of their daughter, Shelley Elizabeth, to Christopher Michael Lindblom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Day of Rehoboth and Michael Lindblom of Merrimack, N.H.

Ms. O'Brien is a graduate of Pingree School and Union College. She has a master's degree in elementary education from Lesley College. She is a teacher at the Pike School.

Mr. Lindblom graduated from Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School and Syracuse University. The senior accountant at Harcourt General in Chestnut Hill is pursuing an MBA from Boston College.

The couple plan a June wedding.

Sullivan-Kanevski

George and Karen Sullivan of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Lyn, to Gregory David Kanevski, son of David and Daphne Kanevski of Brockton.

Ms. Sullivan is a graduate of Westfield State College with a BA degree in art. She is an art teacher at the Cole School in Boxford.

Mr. Kanevski graduated from Westfield State College with a BS degree in criminal justice. He is a criminal analyst for Fidelity Investments in Boston.

The couple plan a May wedding.

Historical bus tour rolls March 28

Join the Andover and North Andover Historical societies on a bus tour of the textile industries in our communities Saturday,

March 28. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, for the three-hour tour.

Carol Majahad, executive director of the North Andover Historical Society, will lead participants through the Historic Machine Shop Village, and Ray Flynn, member of the Andover Historical Society and chairman of Shawsheen Village Local His-

toric District Study Committee, plans to highlight the American Woolen Company after viewing the sites of Smith and Dove Mills and Ballardvale Manufacturing Company.

Some of the tour will be conducted on foot. Reservations are

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Merritt Whelan of Duxbury was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Laura Nickerson, Cara Kovac, Mary Miller, Michelle Gould, Nicole Poisson and Lisa Clements.

Steven Kang of San Francisco, Calif., was best man. Groomsmen were Steven Dimitriou, James O'Brien, Dean Knight, Patrick Jugo, David Mexico and Stephen Gould.

Following a reception at Eastward Ho! in Chatham, the couple left for Scotland and France.

The bride is the daughter of Wendy Howes Terry of Chatham. She graduated from Chatham High School in 1987 and Roger Williams University in 1991. She is a sales executive with Tower Group International.

Her husband is the son of Norman and Lucille Poisson of 14 Russett Lane. The architect is a 1987 graduate of Phillips Academy, 1991 graduate of Washington University and



Frances and Bryan Poisson

a 1994 graduate of University of Michigan with a master's in architecture.

The couple live in Boston.

Vining-Saalfrank

Joanne Saalfrank and John Vining were married at St. Joseph's Church in Medford. The ceremony was performed by Father Patrick McLaughlin.

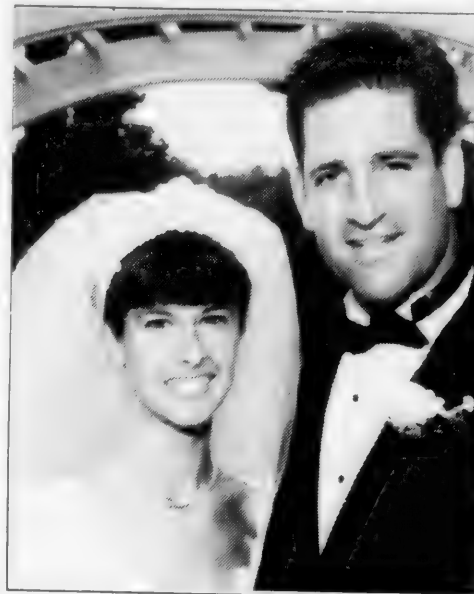
Jennifer Currier of Andover was matron of honor. Flower girls were Kaitlyn O'Donnell and Kris and Karen (Saalfrank) O'Donnell of Fayetteville, N.C.

Kenneth Vining of Medford was best man. Ushers were Stephen Vining and Michael Vining, both of Woburn, and James Saalfrank of Andover.

Following a reception at Andover Country Club, the couple left for Aruba.

The bride is the daughter of George Saalfrank of Andover and the late Patricia Saalfrank. She graduated from Andover High School and from Westfield State College with a BS degree in criminal justice. She is a legal assistant with Hutchins, Wheeler & Ditmar in Boston.

Her husband is the son of Charles and Annette Vining of Medford. He graduated from Lexington Christian Academy and received a BS degree in architectural engineering from Wentworth Institute. He is project



Joanne and John Vining

manager at Margulies & Associates in Boston and head coach of boys' basketball at Lynnfield High School.

The couple live in Woburn.

Slotnick-Sloan

Jennifer Elizabeth Sloan and Jeremy A. Slotnick were married Oct. 18, 1997, at Goddard Chapel, on the campus of Tufts University in Medford, where the couple met while attending college. The ceremony was performed by Father Anthony Vasaturo of Sacred Heart Parish in Medford and Rabbi Allan Press.

Kimberley Anne Sloan, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Janet Han, Janna Makovoz, and Alison Kaufman.

Andrew Lawrence Gerrie was best man. Ushers were John Phillip Sloan Jr., the bride's brother, Michael Longo, and Christopher Chalmers.

Readings were performed by Miriam Lanskoy and Joseph Della-Rodolfa. Betty Saganich, the bride's aunt, played the Hook and Hastings tracker organ during the ceremony and sang the *Ave Maria* as a prelude to the wedding. The song *Edelweiss* was one of the songs played on the chapel's 25-bell Bowen-Tilton Memorial Carillon following the ceremony.

The bride wore her mother's Bianci wedding gown, which had been restored. The pure silk organza gown's molded bodice was originally fashioned with a wide portrait neckline which was converted to a straight neckline framed with the gown's original hand-clipped appliques of pearl encrusted alencon lace. Deep sprays of the same beaded lace encircled the bell-shaped skirt which swept into a wide chapel-length train. The bride's full veil of pure silk illusion was held in place by a flowered Emme cap. The headpiece and veiling were also originally worn by her mother.

Their wedding reception was held at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge where guests enjoyed a view of the foliage along the Charles River, as well as Head of the Charles



Jeremy A. Slotnick and Jennifer Elizabeth Sloan

Regatta festivities. The couple had enjoyed their first date at the Head of the Charles Regatta five years earlier.

The bride is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Sloan of Andover. She received a dual B.S. degree from Tufts University in chemistry and biology in 1994 and is currently a clinical research associate at Ascent Pediatrics Inc., a pediatric pharmaceutical company in Wilmington.

Her husband is the son of Lawrence and Anne Slotnick of Rochester, N.Y. He received a B.A. in English from Tufts University followed by an MEd. He teaches English at Whittier Regional Technical High School in Haverhill.

The bride chose to retain her maiden name.

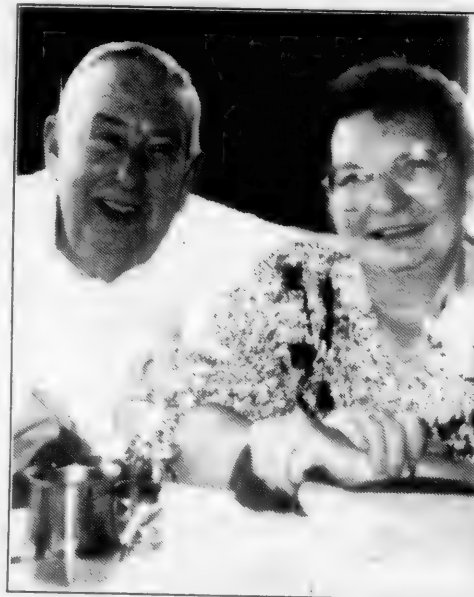
Following a cruise to Bermuda, the couple live in Andover.

Birches celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John Birch of Andover celebrated their 50th anniversary Dec. 14 at the Red Tavern with family and friends. The party was hosted by their children and spouses, Lynda and Dan Dube of Weare, N.H., Cheryl Birch of Andover and John and Betty Ann of Littleton, N.H. The couple have four grandchildren.

Mrs. Birch is from the Brockton area, but lived most of her life in Ballardvale. Her husband was born in Minnesota and moved to Andover at a young age. He was an oil truck driver for Howe Heating Co. for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Birch ▶



Stevens-Zamora

Margaret Mary Zamora and Samuel Harold Stevens were married Sept. 13, 1997, at Christ Church in Andover. The Rev. Jim Diamond performed the ceremony.

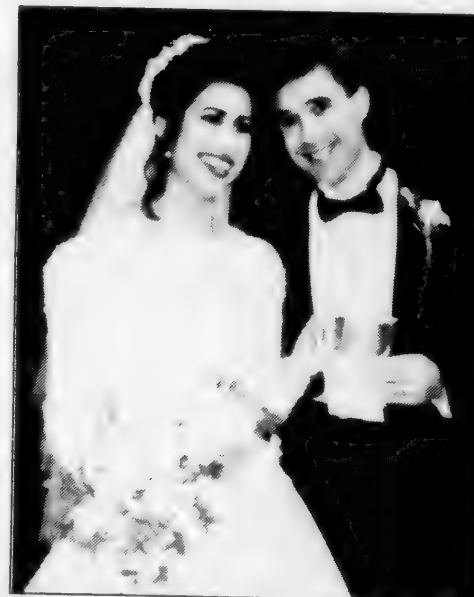
Melissa Lentz of Swampscot was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included her sister, Veronica Campos, Patricia Lynch and Alicia Abherve. Ivy Stevens, the groom's niece was flower girl.

John Lubin of Lexington was best man. Groomsmen were the groom's brothers, Edmund Stevens and Bill Stevens, and Fred Pfaff.

Readers were Jesse Zamora, the bride's brother, Amelia Stevens, the groom's sister, and Calvert Magruder, the groom's godfather.

The bride is the daughter of Jesus and Teresa Zamora of San Antonio, Texas. She graduated from Boston University with a degree in aerospace engineering and is an engineer for EG&G in Cambridge.

Her husband is the son of Robert and Nancy Stevens of North Andover. He graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in psychology and from Northeastern's College of Business Administration with an

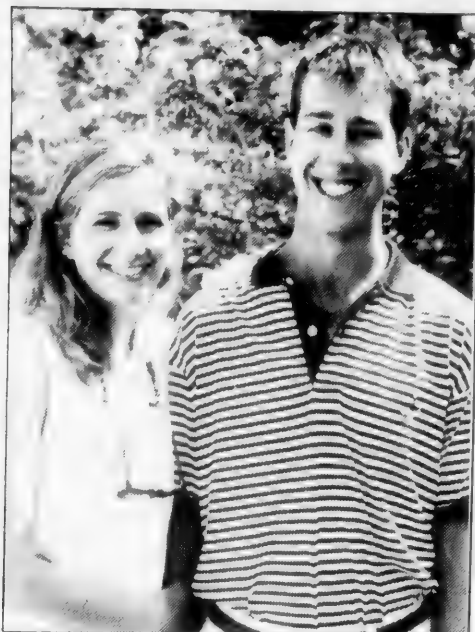


Margaret and Samuel Stevens

MBA. He is a product manager at Bank Boston in Boston.

The couple took a two-week trip to Hawaii. They live in Bedford, Mass.

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Seaman-Ashworth

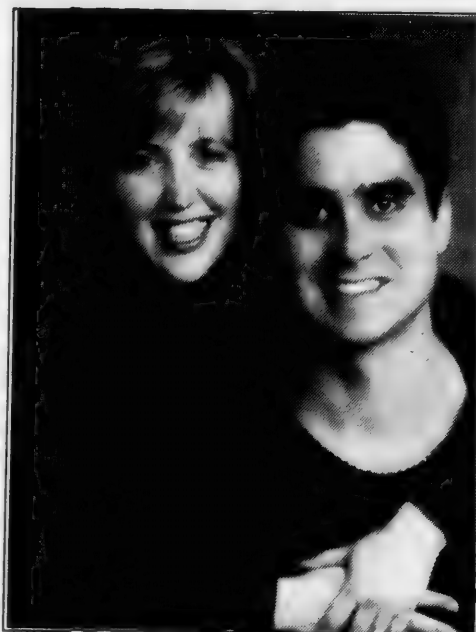
Catherine and James Seaman of Sarasota, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamera Michelle, to Robert Scott Ashworth, son of Jeanne and Gerald Ashworth of Andover and Cape Neddick, Maine.

Ms. Seaman graduated from Long Island University in 1993. She is employed by Biogen in Cambridge.

Mr. Ashworth, a 1993 graduate of University of Colorado at Boulder, is an MBA candidate at Babson College in Wellesley.

The couple plan a September 1998 wedding.

◀ Tamera Seaman and Robert Ashworth



Cameron-Trinchet

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cameron of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody Fournier Cameron, to Guillermo David Trinchet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guillermo B. Trinchet of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ms. Cameron received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Lehigh University. She is a senior cost accountant at the Stride Rite Corp. in Lexington.

Mr. Trinchet received bachelor science degrees in electrical engineering and management science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a MBA from Boston University. He is a mutual fund analyst at Wellington Management Co. in Boston.

The couple plan an April wedding.

◀ Jody Cameron and Guillermo Trinchet



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RELIGION NEWS

Temple Emanuel of Andover will present Cantors Donn Rosensweig and Jodi Schechtman in concert Saturday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. The program, entitled "The Power of Love," is a celebration of the best of Broadway and popular love songs under the musical direction of Stan Schertzer and his orchestra. The evening will have melodies and lyrics from such greats as Gershwin, Berlin, Bernstein, Weill, Sondheim, Herman, Hamlish and Porter and such lesser-known composers as Jones and Schmidt, and Maltby and Shire.

Cantor Rosensweig has been serving Temple Emanuel for 12 years. He is a graduate of Hobart College and has a master's degree from Oberlin College. He earned a degree in sacred music and investiture as a cantor from Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion School of Sacred Music. Before becoming a cantor, he studied acting with Lee Strasberg and some of his followers. He appeared off-Broadway and in regional theaters and was in the original cast of the off-Broadway production of Lovesongs.

Cantor Schechtman is in her 10th year of service to Temple Beth Am of Framingham. She received a degree from Bucknell College, and also received her cantor training at HUC-JIR School of Sacred Music. She has given concerts in New York and on tour in Israel. Both cantors were honored by their alma mater as distinguished alumni/alumnae during the school's 50th anniversary celebration.

Stan Schertzer is a graduate of Berklee College of Music. He has worked as keyboardist/arranger with local orchestras, including the Steve Lane Band and his own group, Key Winds.

Sugar and Spice Singers (the temple's junior choir) and soloist Daniel Rosensweig will also be featured. Tickets are available at the temple and at the door. Admission is \$20 per person, \$15 for seniors and students. A post-concert dessert gala will be sponsored by the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

"Dark and Light: a Question of Balance" will be the Sunday theme at the Unitarian

Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., in downtown Andover, led by Ilse Schenk with multiple slide projectors and commentary. Spring Equinox sets the stage for some reflections - in words and images on Yin-Yang balances, life cycles, and the interplay of opposing forces in our universe.

Following the service there will be a discussion in the minister's office. An artist living in North Reading, who creates earthenware sculptures and decorative art pieces, Ilse brings her "eye" to worship.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover draws from all religious traditions to help individuals find pathways to spiritual growth in community.

Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, will hold a special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool and school-aged children Friday, March 20, at 7 p.m. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story while Cantor Donn Rosensweig will lead the singing.

The monthly family service is held on the first Friday night of each month. The "Tot Shabbat" is specifically geared to younger children and will precede the regular adult service at 8:15. The service is open to all, especially non-members who wish to learn more about the temple's programs for children and families.

On Sunday, March 22, the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross in the Greek Orthodox Church, the Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society of Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church will hold its annual Lenten Luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy, which begins at 10 a.m. The luncheon will also celebrate the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary and the 177th Celebration of Greek Independence Day, both on March 25. In addition to the traditional tri-celebration, this year's luncheon will honor the Rev. Dr. George A. Karahalios who marks the 42nd anniversary of his ordination on Sunday. Rev. Dr. Karahalios served as pastor of

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OBITUARIES

Raymond F. Hopkinson III Environmental engineer

Raymond F. Hopkinson III, 55, of Andover died Saturday at Lawrence General Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home.

Mr. Hopkinson was born in Biller-

Deaths Elsewhere

ANZALDI - Gaetano J. Anzaldi, 78, of Methuen died Sunday, March 15, at Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Sheila Anzaldi of Andover.

CONNELL - Thomas J. Connell Sr., 87, of North Andover died Sunday, March 15.

Members of his family include his daughter, Joan C. Ponti, and sister, Helen K. Connell, both of Andover.

DIVENCENZO - Alice M. (Reardon) DiVencenzo, 79, formerly of Haverhill, died Sunday, March 15, at Colonial Heights Health Care Center in Lawrence.

Members of her family include her daughter, Sandra DiVencenzo of Andover.

LAROCHE - Laura M. (Legendre) Laroche, 89, died Monday at Glynn Memorial Nursing Home in Haverhill. Her survivors include son Leo Laroche and his wife Jeannette of Andover.

LENIHAN - Thomas Lenihan, 89, of Lawrence died Monday, March 16, at home.

Members of his family include his son and daughter-in-law, John M. and Barbara Lenihan of Andover.

MARCOUX - Irene (Boudreau) Chchiaro Marcoux, 86, of Maple St., Lawrence, died Monday at Lawrence General Hospital. Her survivors include son Antonio and his wife Mary Cocchiaro of Andover.

ROSENFELD - George Rosenfeld, 79, of Lawrence died Monday, March 16, at Beth Israel Hospital in Brookline.

Members of his family include his daughter and son-in-law, Frayda and Brad Koffman, and son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Heather Rosenfeld, all of Andover.

ica. He graduated from Tewksbury Memorial High School in 1960 and earned degrees in engineering from Wentworth Institute, Northeastern University and Merrimack College.

He was a resident of Andover for 28 years.

The former engineering manager at GCA in Andover was an environmental and safety engineer at Integrated Solutions Company in Tewksbury.

Mr. Hopkinson belonged to the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and was a member of Tewksbury Congregational Church.

He was an accomplished builder and lived in a home of his own construction. He also enjoyed boating.

Members of his family include his wife of 33 years, Carol J. (White) Hopkinson of Andover; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Scott Maude of Marblehead; son, Mark Hopkinson of Charlotte N.C.; parents, Raymond and Olive (Skane) Hopkinson Jr. of Tewksbury; brother, David F. Hopkinson of Stoneham; sister, Judith Patterson of Dracut, and mother-in-law, Muriel S. (Shute) White of Tewksbury.

A funeral service was held Wednesday in Tewksbury Congregational Church. Burial was in Tewksbury Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Tewksbury Funeral Home in Tewksbury Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brigham and Women's Radiation Therapy Department, care of Donation Department, 116 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02115.

William H. Fyler Jr. Educated in Andover schools

William H. Fyler Jr., 46, of Lawrence died Thursday, March 12, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Fyler was born in Lawrence and educated in Andover schools.

He served with the Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Fyler was a taxi driver for B&M Taxi in Lawrence for more than six years.

He enjoyed fishing.

Members of his family include his wife, Cynthia A. (Bedard) Fyler; daughters, Annemarie Fyler and Barbiejean Fyler, sons, William H. Fyler 3rd, Joseph Bedard, Jason Fyler and Jamie Fyler, all of Lawrence; sisters, Irene Birch of Andover and Alice Lemir of New Hampshire; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was in Linwood Crematory in Haverhill.

Arrangements were by Pollard Funeral Home in Methuen.

William Charles Vaughan Was machine mechanic at Polaroid in Cambridge

William Charles Vaughan, 79, of Chelsea died Sunday, March 15, at Quigley Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Vaughan was born in Canton and attended Canton schools.

He had been a resident of Andover for 30 years before moving to Chelsea.

Mr. Vaughan was in the Army during World War II.

He had been a machine mechanic with Polaroid-Cambridge for 14 years before he retired in 1983.

He was a life member of VFW Dileboy Post 529 of Somerville and of the

National Rifle Association.

Members of his family include his wife of 57 years, Isabel R. (Garrett) Vaughan of Chelsea; daughter, Janice E. Brown of Boxford; son, Allen C. Vaughan of Chelsea; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by William R. Carafa & Son Funeral Home in Chelsea.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 21, at 1 p.m. in Martin Auditorium,

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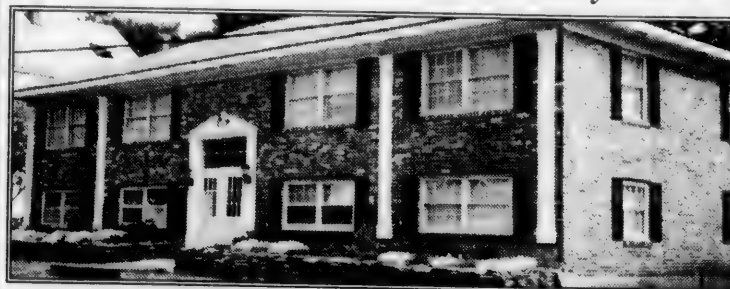
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John C. Crouch Jr. Retired from US Postal Service

John Clayton Crouch Jr., 74, of North Chelmsford, died Monday, March 9, at home.

The former Andover resident was born in Durham,

N.C. He spent his childhood years there and later in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. Crouch joined the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served during World War II.

He was with the U.S. Postal Service when he retired.

Members of his family include his wife, Barbara (Mackay) Crouch of North Chelmsford; sons and daughters-in-law, John and Jane Clayton of Marblehead and William A. and Beth Crouch of Annapolis, Md.; daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Joseph Di Filippo of Everett; stepson, Peter E. Johnson of Harvard and his wife, Marie Johnson; and five grandchil-

dren.

Arrangements were by Sperry & McHoul Funeral Service in North Attleboro.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA of Greater Lowell, Hospice, P.O. Box 1965, Lowell, MA 01853.

Paul A. Perreault Sr. Retired machinist had been a resident of Andover for 24 years

Paul A. Perreault Sr., 76, of Andover died Sunday, March 15, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Perreault was born in Wayland. He was a graduate of Worcester High School.

He had been a resident of

Andover for 24 years.

Mr. Perreault was a technician 3rd class in the Army during World War II. He earned the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon and the Victory Medal before he was honorably discharged.

He was a machinist with MIT/Lincoln Labs in Bedford when he retired in 1982.

Mr. Perreault attended Sacred Heart Church. He was a member of the Third Order of Mary, Lawrence Rod and Gun Club National Rifle Association and American Association of Retired Persons.

He enjoyed his vegetable and flower gardens and woodworking.

Members of his family include his wife, Geraldine D. (Valcourt) Perreault of Andover; daughters, Ellen S. Perreault of Worcester, Lois Perreault of Mendon and Laurie Ritter of Worcester; son, Paul A. Perreault Jr. of Bangor, Maine; two granddaughters; two grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Pollard Funeral Home Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

A funeral Mass will be said Thursday, March 19, at 10:45 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church in South Lawrence. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Theresa Stewart Managed the bookstore at Abbott Academy

Theresa "Terry" Stewart, 75, of Keene, N.H., died Sunday,

March 15, at New England Hospital in Boston.

Mrs. Stewart was born in Brocton. She attended Bridgewater schools and graduated from Bridgewater High School in 1940. She attended Bridgewater State College for a year and graduated from Massachusetts State College, now University of Massachusetts Amherst, in 1944.

Mrs. Stewart lived in Winthrop and Natick before she moved to Andover in 1957. She moved to Keene in 1973.

She managed the bookstore at Abbott Academy for five years.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of Keene United Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship, American Association of University Women, Homestead Garden Club and Keene Country Club and was a volunteer at Cheshire Medical Center.

Members of her family include her husband of 52 years, Robert M. Stewart Sr. of Keene, N.H.; sons, Kenneth A. Stewart, also of Keene, and James A. Stewart of Andover; daughter, Ellen T. Ratichek of Bedford, MA; seven grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of Robert M. Stewart Jr. who died in 1996.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday, March 20, at 2 p.m. at United Church of Christ, Central Square, Keene, N.H.

Burial will be in Monadnock View Cemetery in West Keene.

Arrangements were by Fletcher Funeral Home of Keene.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.

RELIGION NEWS

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the local community from 1971 through 1993. During his tenure, the parish constructed a community center at its previous location on Essex Street, Lawrence. He was the catalyst in the parish purchasing the former Doyle Lumber property, building its present church edifice and

moving the parish to 71 Chandler Road. The community will honor the Rev. Dr. Karahalios by naming him Pastor Emeritus. Rev. Dr. Karahalios and his wife, Calypso (Lee), are residents of Andover.

For more information, contact Diane Mimos, president; Sophia Giavis, vice

president; Helen Varitimos, secretary; Stephanie Connor, treasurer; Anastasia Mariolis, Greek secretary; Despina Mastorakis, adviser for board members: Demetra Kelekis, Georgia Kambourakis, Katheine Kevgas, Mary Pappas, Maria Perdicoiannis, or Elaine Kevgas, chairman.



Photo by Carol Van Doren

"Sunny" Shawsheen kindergartners in Irene Velonis's class move to the music in special demonstration programs for parents. Students show how much they had learned over the last six months by playing percussion instruments and tone bells, climbing the cargo net and juggling scarves. From left are John Hennessey, Ian Kearney, Mark Vetere and Molly Trerotola.

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Shawsheen neighbors support historic district

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Eighty-three percent of residents of Shawsheen Village who responded to a survey say they would today support the establishment of an historic district in their neighborhood.

Of the 500 Shawsheen residents and business owners who received a survey, 229, or 48 percent, returned it says Ray Flynn, who is heading up the Shawsheen Historic District Study Commission.

Some support the creation of an historic district because they feel the neighborhoods concerns, like the installation of lights at the soccer field (see story page 1), are not a priority of town officials.

Of the 229 respondents including nine property owners of commercial businesses in Shawsheen, 62 percent did not think the Planning and Zoning Boards and Board of Selectmen have been effective in addressing development and preservation of Shawsheen Village. Eighteen percent thought the boards had been effective while 20 percent had no opinion.

More than half (54 percent) of the respondents agreed that there

has been a negative impact on the neighborhood in the last 10 years due to development. Fifteen percent disagreed and 11 percent had no opinion.

Flynn says he tried to write the questions objectively. "We didn't ask 'would you be in favor of (an historic district) if condos were going up,'" Flynn says.

Such controversy about

floodlights at Shawsheen field would never have developed if there were an historic district in place, Flynn says.

"It would have gotten the proper review by people looking out for Shawsheen Village," he says, putting an end to projects that people don't know enough about or the feeling that things go on behind the scenes.

Residents have disapproved of developments like the Courtyard

Mall, including Dunkin Donuts on Route 28, and an unsuccessfully proposed condominium complex on Poor Street.

The guidelines of the district would have general and specific controls over local development, Flynn says, but the proposal before Town Meeting next year would be just the general by-laws. The specific guidelines would be established later by a committee, Flynn says.

The guidelines have to be set by each individual historic district, Flynn says, because each district is unique.

"There are no blanket guidelines because there

are so many different aspects to the charm of a village," he says.

The bylaws would establish what the historic district has the authority to do and not do, Flynn says, but the specifics would be hashed out in the guidelines. Some specific guidelines might include restrictions on building materials that don't match the neighborhood, like stucco, for example, or details like window styles.

'Essentially, the historic district picks up where the zoning and planning boards leave off.'

Ray Flynn

He adds that since most people get most upset by the idea that an historic district committee can tell someone what color to paint their house, that he expects the bylaws to specifically prohibit the committee from doing that.

"That's where people feel the district crosses the line," he says. "Essentially, the local historic district picks up where the zoning or planning boards leave off," he says.

The study committee's next move is to drum up support in other Andover neighborhoods and bring a proposal to Town Meeting in the spring of 1999.

Of the area residents who responded, "brick" Shawsheen residents returned 70 of the 140 surveys they received, or 50 percent. In "white" Shawsheen 150 of 321 surveys were returned, or 45 percent. Nine or 39 percent of the 23 local commercial property owners responded.

Results show that nearly 60 percent of those businesses have been in Shawsheen for 20 to 30 years. The average brick Shawsheen resident has lived there for 16 years and the average white Shawsheen resident has lived there for 18 years, but commercial property owners who responded average a 24-year tenure. None of the commercial property owners who responded had been in the area for less than 10 years.

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Can you help Hippity, Hoppity, Floppity and Ears find the flowers? Look through the paper over the next four weeks, find the flowers, color them in, cut them out and arrange them in the bucket that was printed in the March 12 issue. When you're done, mail them to "Bunny Contest," Andover Townsman, P.O. Box 1986, Andover, MA 01810. We'll enter you into a random drawing to win the four Beanies! Enter as many times as you want, but please, no facsimiles.

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TOWNSMAN**

A final look at the candidates ...

In the final week before the election, the Townsman again asked candidates to respond to questions — some relating to the office, and one purely personal.

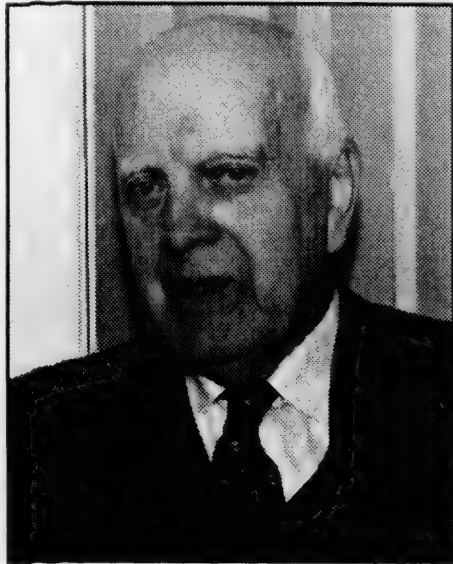
For moderator ...

James J. Doherty
9 Juniper Road

Age: 82
Family: Wife, Sheila; five children
Education: St. Augustine School; Punchard High School; Boston College, A.B.
Experience: Election officer, 40 years; Precinct warden, 30 years; Moderator, 20 years; Playground supervisor, 1934-52; Chairman, Town Recreation Committee, 1953-62; Land Acquisition Committee; Insurance Advisory Committee; Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, Boy Scouts of America Lord Baden Powell Award; Former Merrimack College trustee; Author, *Andover as I remember it*.

1. Three Finance Committee members' terms expire this June. Do you intend to change the composition of the committee, and what would you look for in a new committee member?

I will do nothing, if re-elected, until after Town Meeting. I have not discussed it with the present members. In any event, I will try to continue a committee made up of members with



diverse disciplines and areas of expertise.

2. Suggest ways to improve attendance at Town Meeting.

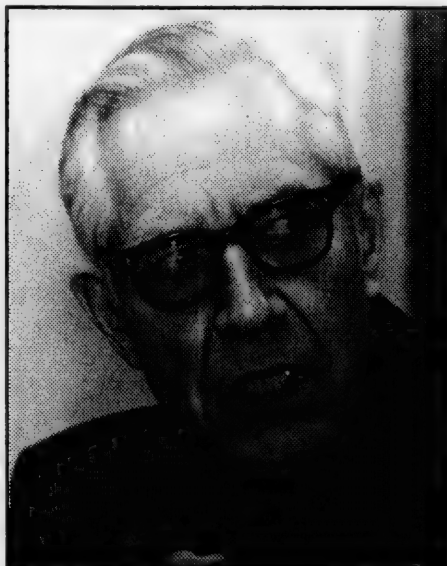
We need to interest the younger generation. I have tried to interest the school department in allowing some of us to address the high school seniors. It does little good to talk to third-graders.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

The business of town government is much too serious to be equating it with cartoon characters.

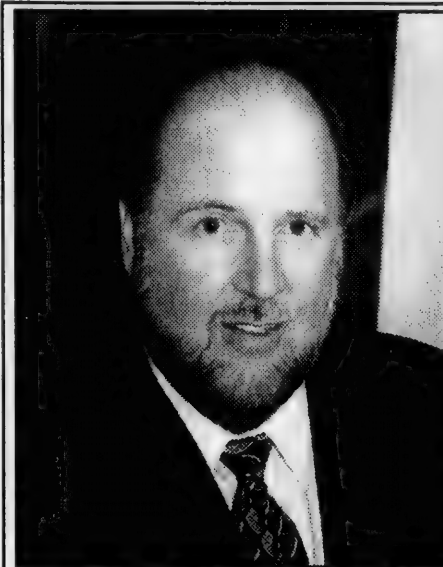
John Doyle
40 Reservation Road

Age: No response
Family: No response
Education: No response
Experience: No response



Candidate Doyle did not respond to the Townsman's questions.

For Housing Authority ...



Calvin A. Deyermond
2 Tanglewood Way South

Age: 51
Family: Wife, Andrea, daughters Meagan, 7, and Brianne, 6.
Education: BA in education from Salem State College and a master's in criminal justice from Anna Maria College.
Experience: Member of Ancient Order of Hibernians, American Legion Post 8, Andover's Patriotic Holiday Committee. No political experience.

1. Do you support any type of preferences, such as local residency, for those seeking public housing in Andover?

I absolutely endorse Andover residents having preference to public housing. I believe that process is already in place and I would do nothing to change it. In fact, I would do everything in my power to increase it if possible.

2. Andover currently provides a mix of housing for elderly, families and the disabled. Given a constant number of units, would you decrease the number in any one category in order to add units in another?

I would be reluctant to do so. There are always exceptions, of course, but once you start doing that, there is the danger that you will end up constantly adjusting units back and forth. That is something I don't believe the Housing Authority should get caught up in.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

This sounds awfully like the famous Barbara Walters' question, "If you were a tree..." I would be Dick Tracy, for obvious reasons.



Denise Fraize
6 Memorial Circle

Age: 45
Family: Husband, Robert; son Robbie, 18, daughter Hillary, 13; son Jason, 11.
Education: No response
Experience: Memorial Circle playground committee; Family services to educate pre-teens on health issues; working with Bill Fahey to start a pilot sports program.

1. Do you support any type of preferences, such as local residency, for those seeking public housing in Andover?

Yes, I think veterans should get preference because it is mandated by state law. Along with emergency cases, I believe town residents and town employees should also have preference after the veterans.

2. Andover currently provides a mix of housing for elderly, families and the disabled. Given a constant number of units, would you decrease the number in any one category in order to add units in another?

As it stands at this time I would not decrease or increase the units in any category. By law, 13 percent of the elderly must be for the disabled. If the need were to increase or decrease in any category, I would have to evaluate it at that point.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

I would become the Road Runner. The Road Runner is always facing many obstacles given to him by the Coyote and has always persevered.

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Housing Authority ... School committee ...



Norma Villarreal
349 S. Main St.

Age: 41

Family: Husband, Frank J. Serna; sons Daniel, 12; Martin, 9; and Nicolas, 5.

Education: B.A., English, Yale University, Harvard Law School.

Experience: Andover Housing Authority, vice chairman; League of Women Voters, member; Democratic Town Committee, chair; Justice of the Peace; South School PTO, president; The Mother Connection Inc., past president; Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership, past board member; Lawrence YWCA, advisory board member; Andover Community Child Care, past board member; St. Augustine Church, member.

1. Do you support any type of preferences, such as local residency, for those seeking public housing in Andover?

Preference for local residency in public housing is an existing policy that is a high priority for me as a commissioner. I am strongly committed to accommodating the needs of our Andover citizens first whenever housing becomes available.

2. Andover currently provides a mix of housing for elderly, families and the disabled. Given a constant number of units, would you decrease the number in any one category in order to add units in another?

The existing housing mix is regulated by state policy and is not subject to local jurisdiction. However, for the policy that does exist, Andover Housing Authority must remain dedicated to applying for modernization funds as they become available. We must maintain the integrity of our buildings in our neighborhoods.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

If I must choose, I would be Wonder Woman. I could multi-task effortlessly and never again worry about wardrobe choices during my busy days.



Joan N. Cohen
27 Vine St.

Age: 50

Family: Two sons, aged 16 and 29; two grandsons.

Education: M.B.A., Simmons College, Graduate School of Management; B.A., University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Experience: New to politics. Current co-chair of Andover High School Council; Temple Emanu-El, Haverhill, board member and chair of school committee; International Institute of Greater Lawrence board of trustees; Lower Merrimack Valley Regional Employment Board/Private Industry Council, Planning Committee; Northern Essex Community College, Business Division Advisory Board; Merrimack Valley Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Advisory Board; School to Careers Local Partnership (Lawrence); Merrimack Valley Health Coalition (public health) founding member; Andover Jewish Fellowship, founding member; Massachusetts Interpreter Services Coalition Steering Committee; Merrimack Valley Interpreter Services Task Force; Merrimack Valley Nursing Task Force; Mayor's Task Force, Southeast Asian Health Subcommittee (Lowell); MVOTEC Health Care Industry Advisory Board; Merrimack Valley Health Planning Council Board of Trustees; chair, Planning Committee, appointee to Labor Advisory Committee of the North Shore and Merrimack Valley Health Planning Councils.

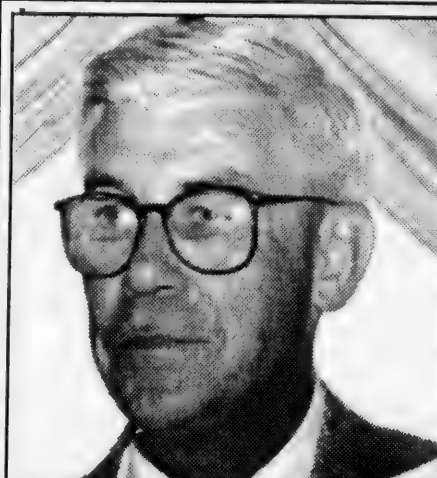
1. What priorities would you set for the new schools superintendent?

Get out to the schools and community, be visible and accessible, and keep the community informed. The priorities are curriculum improvement and teacher development, the essence of education. Develop, broaden, and implement more challenging curriculum; enable more faculty development and stimulation; and develop a plan for continuous improvement.

2. Do you support the concept of a grades 5-8 middle school, whether a new school is built or not?

I have no problem with the concept

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Richard J. Collins
117 Lovejoy Road

Age: 66

Family: Wife, Barbara; children Carolyn, Richard Jr., Edward, Valerie, Jacqueline Susan, Charles, Laurie, Cathy Ann; 14 grandchildren.

Education: Phillips Academy; B.A., Dartmouth, history; M.A., University of Rhode Island, history; M. Ed., University of Lowell, administration and supervision

Experience: Charter Member Board of Directors, Andover A.B.C.

1. What priorities would you set for the new schools superintendent?

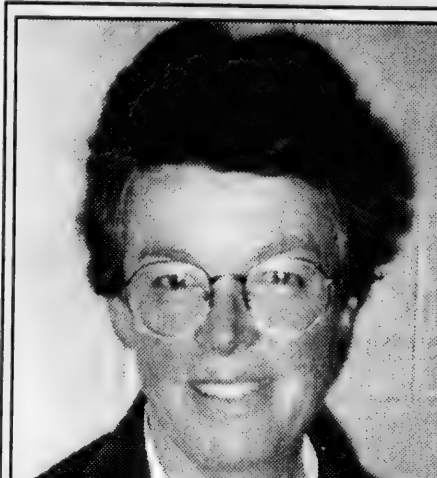
The first priority would be to challenge the Andover students and teachers at all levels to be the best that they can be. The second would be to carry out the school expansion program if it is approved by town meeting, or, if it is not, to lead the system in solving its extremely serious space problem.

2. Do you support the concept of a grades 5-8 middle school, whether a new school is built or not?

In Methuen the Comprehensive Grammar School (grades 1-8) has been very successful. Those who fear their fifth-graders might be influenced by the wrong people have a legitimate concern. I would support a 5-8 school if we have explored all options and it is in the best interest of our school system.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

Gil Thorpe would be my choice. He is a teacher-coach with high moral values and almost always wins.



Tina Girdwood
15 Tucker Road

Age: 54

Family: Husband, Andrew; daughters Debbie (husband Jamie Hook) and Emily.

Education: B.A., Colorado Women's College.

Experience: Andover/N. Andover League of Women Voters; Andover Garden Club; Friends of Memorial Hall Library; A.V.I.S.; Dollars for Scholars; Andover Historical Society; Merrimack River Watershed Council; Trustees of Reservations; Andover School Committee, three years (two as chairman).

1. What priorities would you set for the new schools superintendent?

The superintendent should: gather information from all constituents; prioritize issues with administrative team; develop implementation plans, and share plan with constituents.

As a School Committee member, my priorities are: work to focus entire High School on its vision, and long and short term space needs at elementary and middle schools.

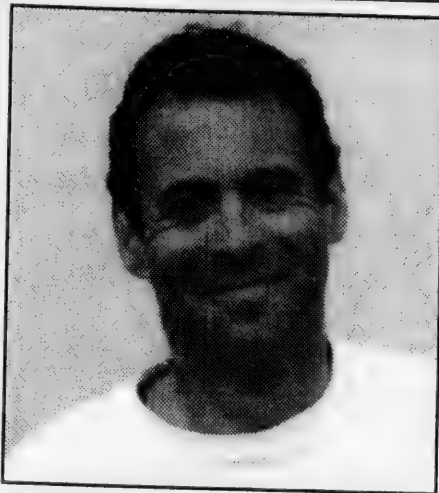
2. Do you support the concept of a grades 5-8 middle school, whether a new school is built or not?

The 5-8 concept can work in Andover as well as, if not better than 6-8. Massachusetts organizes its middle school curriculum frameworks using 5-8. I have confidence in our teachers and administrators that they will implement curriculum, programs, and bus schedules that best suit Andover's fifth- and sixth-graders.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

My family think I could become Peppermint Patty because I remind them of her! "Chuck," Snoopy and Friends have always been special in our family.

Punchard Trustee ...



Eric Stubenhaus
8 Enfield Drive

Age: 46

Family: Wife, Barbara; children, Lenore, 19, and Brad, 16.

Education: Ph.D. in psychology from Boston College Graduate School.

Experience: Past — board of directors of Creative Living, town liaison to Andover Little League, soccer coach, South Church Board of World Service and assistant treasurer. Present — Board of Deacons of South Church.

1. What does a Punchard Trustee do, and why do you want to do it?

A Punchard trustee oversees funds left to provide scholarships for deserving students, as stipulated by the charter of the Punchard School Trust. I want to do this job because it allows me to participate in the growth of young people and to serve the town and schools of Andover.

2. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

Bullwinkle. He's cutting edge yet entirely innocent and loved by all. He appears dependent on his clever friend Rocky, but perceives more than people realize and always emerges the hero.

Cohen ...

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of a 5-8 middle school, if handled appropriately. The school administrative team seems to have a well-planned, educationally-sound strategy for transitioning children from fourth grade to the proposed 5-8 middle school — if it's built.

3. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

Sally Forth — she's competent, professional, and successfully juggles family and career with great humor.

Board of Selectmen ...



Lori Becker
62 Chestnut St.

Age: 29

Family: Parents, William and Jeanne Becker; brother, William, wife Stacy, daughter Megan (6 months); stepsister, Lisa Mackay Patel, husband, Sanjay, son, Tyler (2); stepbrother, James Mackay, wife, Kerry, sons, Michael, 6, Matthew, 4, Adam, 2.

Education: Andover High School, class of 1986; attended Westfield State College; Graduate, Northern Essex Community College certificate program in design.

Experience: Past chair, Andover Center Association; Board of Directors, Andover Chamber of Commerce; Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; Mother Connection; Former Department of Community Services instructor; Sponsor, American Heart Association Pediatric CPR instruction; Sponsor courses for mothers and babies in conjunction with the Midwives of Merrimack Valley

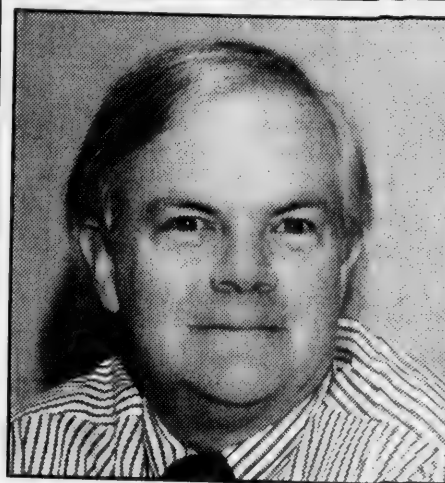
1. What should be done to improve the economic health of the downtown retail district?

We can work on three areas to improve our downtown: (1) the type of shops, (2) the appearance of the district, and (3) parking solutions. We need to develop a good mix of both the type of shops that support our own community and places that attract out-of-town business. As a town, we also need to be conscious of things that help make the downtown attractive: trees, benches and nicely paved sidewalks.

2. What incentives, or limits, to growth in residential, commercial and industrial districts would you support?

We have a great town, perfect some might say. But growth and change is inevitable, and as a selectman, I will be committed to proactive solutions. I support zoning that minimizes the impact of business and industry on neighborhoods and families. We must also be sensitive to the needs of commerce, as the taxes that they pay and the jobs they create enhance the quality of life in Andover.

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John Hess
145 Chestnut St.

Age: 49

Family: Wife, Kathy; sons, Pat, 19, and Kevin, 16.

Education: Masters in regional planning, Cornell University; B.S., aerospace engineering, University of Notre Dame.

Experience: A Better Chance, host family; Habitat for Humanity, volunteer; Andover Village Improvement Society; coach, youth basketball and soccer; Town Meeting Improvement Committee; Doherty Middle School PAC; Andover High School Soccer Boosters, treasurer; Andover Housing Authority, five-year term; Completing a one-year term as selectman.

1. What should be done to improve the economic health of the downtown retail district?

Could increase marketing and signage. But multiple issues and multiple stakeholders. High occupancy rate is indicative of a good economy. More importantly, how to keep vitality and improve the mix to meet demands. Selectmen have this as an objective and will be meeting with various stakeholders. Important to keep vitality while not disrupting residential neighborhoods.

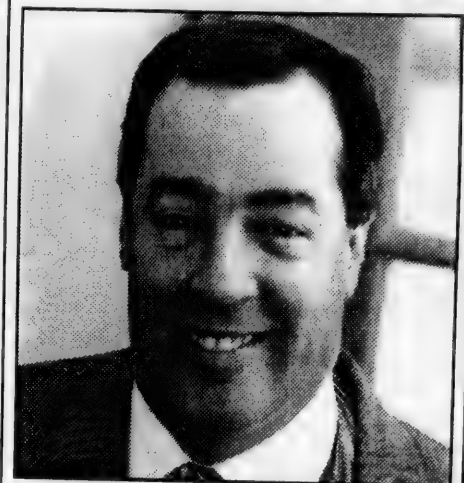
2. What incentives, or limits, to growth in residential, commercial and industrial districts would you support?

Andover has zoning controls. Could do more "power of persuasion" and marketing for commercial and industrial. Growth is being limited by the available land. Should continue to fine tune zoning bylaw, e.g., 1998 Town Meeting article on wetlands. Statewide efforts to encourage controlled development of so-called "brown fields" will help the tax base in Andover.

3. Given that the town has a long list of capital projects and limited funds, which projects would you support doing immediately? Which would you delay more than five years? Be specific.

Need good budget projections

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Ruben Nieves
87 Lowell St.

Age: 42

Family: Wife, Maritza; daughter Ruby, 14; son Matthew, 10.

Education: B.A., accounting; M.B.A., finance and business administration.

Experience: Appointed by former Gov. Weld to a statewide commission; twice elected Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Chairman; served on Secretary of Education team to strengthen statewide programs; transformed non-profit clinic from red ink to black; manage human resources department at Rich Products, Westborough.

1. What should be done to improve the economic health of the downtown retail district?

The proposed retail warrant over-regulates the retail district. While it lures some retailers to town, it fabricates economic conditions that free market forces will undo. The town should help merchants attract patrons and thus increase revenues. Common objectives include: new sidewalks, trees, better and cheaper parking, traffic control and the promotion of Andover's unique history and charm (consider raising awareness levels at convention and visitor bureaus).

2. What incentives, or limits, to growth in residential, commercial and industrial districts would you support?

Inevitable growth must be accommodated with expanded sewer and water systems. To slow and direct desirable growth, Andover should buy land tracts. However, I support no new incentives or limits to growth without reassessing Andover's 1960's master plan. Changing opportunities call for revised tactics. We should plan anew for less costly and less cumbersome adjustments to growth.

3. Given that the town has a long list of capital projects and limited funds, which projects would you support doing immediately? Which would

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Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

It's official — Brian Pattullo (center), Andover's new police chief, accepts the congratulations of Lt. Richard Enos (right), who served as acting chief during the search process, Sgt. William Mackenzie (left), along with the Board of Selectmen, who confirmed his appointment Monday, various other town officials and the audience.

Pattullo ...

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changes that will take place," says Pattullo. "Everyone who is here at the department will be an important part (of the restructuring)."

One of those who may receive a more prominent role in the shuffling is Lt. Richard Enos, who served as acting chief for several weeks at the request of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"There's not much I can do for this man to repay him," says Stapczynski.

While Pattullo declined to provide specifics about impending changes, he did say Enos will be "moving from acting chief to (become) a key player in the department."

Both Stapczynski and Pattullo Monday night lauded Enos for his work during a difficult time, with Pattullo thanking him "for beginning to turn the department around."

Now it will be up to Pattullo to continue to move things forward. He says he's already encouraged officers to talk about issues that need attention, and plans to hold staff meetings to air concerns.

Besides handling departmental issues, Pattullo wants to start more programs that will draw police closer to the Andover residents they protect.

A Boy Scout Explorer program for scouts interested in law enforcement will begin with the support of interested police officers, and police will attend a round-table discussion with Andover students March 26.

"We want to break down any barriers that have been built with youth," says Pattullo.

Pattullo also plans to meet with senior citizen groups, saying police can do more for Andover's elderly by regularly checking on homebound citizens.

Pattullo says the checks will help police cut down on scams targeting seniors, keep the town's registry of Alzheimer's patients current, and link other people with organizations that may help them.

"We're going to be putting forth a pretty good effort to get people to talk to us. That way we can meet their needs," says Pattullo.

Approval

Pattullo was appointed as chief last week by Stapczynski after Pattullo came out on top of an evaluation compiled by four assessors.



Proud parents — Brian Pattullo's father and mother, retired detective Hector and Beatrice, look on.

They were Joellen Daley, Yarmouth's assistant town manager; William Coughlin, a consultant with Brookline's The Catlin Group; Robert Haas, Westwood's police chief; and Paul Verrecchia, Brown University's chief of police and security.

The assessment involved role-playing, and placed the candidates in situations meant to resemble real-life situations a chief will encounter. The candidates were asked to prioritize a stack of work within an hour of returning to the police station from vacation, deal with an angry citizen and the officer she was upset with, prepare a six-page report and presentation, conduct a staff meeting with a somewhat uncooperative staff, and attend a community meeting.

Monday night selectmen unanimously supported Stapczynski's appointment, making it official.

More than a dozen police officers were on hand to show their support for Monday's vote, along with Pattullo's brothers, Police Det. Donald Pattullo and Firefighter Clifford Pattullo, and his parents, retired Police Lt. Hector and Beatrice Pattullo.

"I'd just like to thank everyone that's supported me over the last few months," Pattullo said at Monday's meeting. "The support that I've had from the department has been wonderful."

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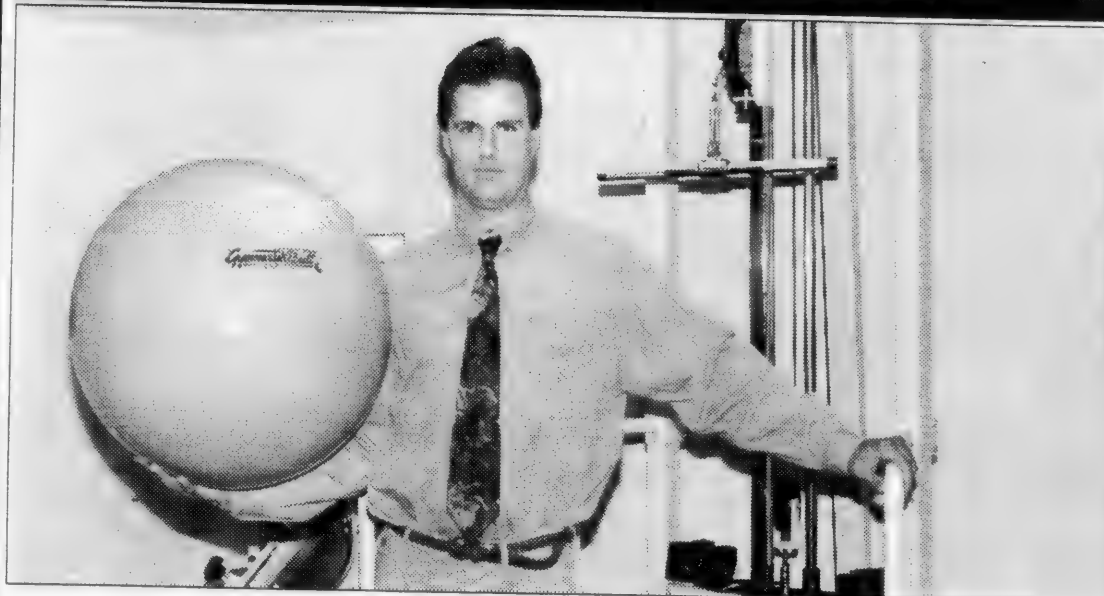
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Forums ...

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wants more activities like the selectmen's recent "traveling road show" that has visited neighborhoods on recreation space needs. As a liaison, she stressed the need to ask the right questions. Her experiences growing up in Andover have been so positive that she said she wouldn't want to change much. On making a senior or youth center a priority, Becker said she doesn't think it can be handled as a single issue, but doesn't want to see the argument drag on.

One-year incumbent John Hess said he's ready to get down to business, and wants to focus more on the way the budget works. Hess, a 24-year Andover resident, said he takes his position on the board as liaison to other committees "very seriously," and works to represent everyone in town, not just the people who voted for him.

Changes he'd like to see in Andover include the return of a hardware store, which once served downtown but left when it couldn't compete with giant stores that don't fit in downtowns. "I miss being able to walk downtown and buy things," he said. For Hess, a senior center is a "top priority."

Ruben Nieves said he wants to improve communication with the community, and aims to do more for youth and elderly. In reconciling the need for a senior and a youth center, Nieves suggested another look at the town's Master Plan, or a campus-type arrangement.

In the race for School Committee, incumbent chairman Tina Girdwood is up for reelection after one term. Her prepared opening statement reviewed her experience, including negotiating contracts, setting policies and budgets, working on relations with the community, and hiring two superintendents.

In response to the question of why communication has been a sore spot between school officials and the public, Girdwood said the issue is "real" and that the committee needs to better communicate its mission statement.

Her first answer to "What are the most important issues facing the School Committee?" was a simple, "K-12," but she went on to list the need to keep standards high and help teachers to a better job. She defined her perspective on the board as one of cooperation.

Asked what were the most important skills for an Andover graduate, she said specific skills were less important than creative thinking and writing.

Challenger Dick Collins, a veteran of 37 years as an Andover teacher and football coach, agreed that students need skills to adapt to a rapidly changing culture, and stressed the need to challenge students of all levels.

On the issue of communication problems, Collins said he trusts the people who run the schools, and would make an effort to get out into the schools themselves. His perspective on the board is one of experience he said, after his years teaching and coaching.

He said he would have no trouble negotiating a contract with his former colleagues. "I don't see the (teachers' union) as an adversary at all. I can handle it," he said.

On space needs he agreed with Girdwood that if the middle school proposal fails at town meeting, the first order of business would be to solve short-term space needs. Collins said portables will help the space problem but "you just have to adjust. That's what teaching is all about."

Candidate Joan Cohen disagreed. Teaching is more challenging today than in the past, she said, and class size should be more of a priority. Her perspective is one of a management and



Photo by Carol VanDoren

Connections — Selectman candidate Ruben Nieves reaches out to the audience at the Senior Center, while incumbent John Hess looks on.

training background combined with her role as a parent of a child in the system, who provides her with regular "reality checks," she said.

She agreed that graduates of Andover schools should have "flexible enough minds" to go on learning, but emphasized basic skills too. She defended students when questioned about the high percentage of students on the honor roll. "Those grades are earned," she said.

Cohen said her back-up plan if the middle school proposal fails at town meeting would involve getting questions answered to the satisfaction of the public without stalling the process so a proposal to solve space needs could be brought before a fall Town Meeting.

For Housing Authority, incumbent Norma Villarreal, attorney and teacher has served as Commissioner since 1992. She stressed her experience and ability to get funding for projects, including nearly \$1 million for projects including heating system replacements. She said the authority is a better place than it was five years ago when she came on board, and hopes to make more improvements as more money becomes available from the state.

Calvin Deyermond, who grew up in Memorial Circle and now works as a police officer in Lawrence, said Memorial Circle needs



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Making a point — School Committee candidate Joan Cohen replies to a question from the audience at Friday's candidate forum.

to be updated for reasons including public safety. "Quality of life is a high priority," he said. He added that his family has experience in local politics, and that he often deals with tough issues at the Lawrence Housing Authority through his job with Lawrence Police.

Denise Fraize, tenant of Memorial Circle public housing said she wants more input on the budgetary process of the Housing Authority. She helped raise money to build a playground there and organized a homework help center including some donated computer equipment for the children who live there. Her priorities are health and safety issues and she wants to see the housing authority become "a better home" for its residents, particularly the children. Fraize attended the debate Thursday night at the library, but not Friday morning at the Senior Center.

For moderator, the annual debate between 20-year incumbent James Doherty and perennial challenger John Doyle proved to be over change or status quo. Doyle said he wouldn't "run" Town Meeting but "conduct" it, by "recognizing the citizen voter." He also wants to address the low attendance rates at Town Meeting. Doherty said he didn't expect any changes in Town Meeting except that this year's would be longer than usual — four or five nights — due to the length of the warrant. "So bring a cushion with you," he said. In his opening statement he declined to review his history in Andover because it was about as long as the warrant. "For me to tell you who I am would be quite redundant," he said.



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LETTERS

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Time for a skate park

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing in regards to getting a skate park in Andover. I and other supporters of a skate park in Andover have come together and devised plans for one. The plans consist of where the skate park could be located, what will be included for ramps, rules for the skate park and other details. I am wondering why the *Townsmen* has not given the skate park any coverage. It is on the ballot for town meeting and I know many people are interested in the developments of the skate park. I know many people use the *Townsmen* as a resource for what is going on in the town. So could you please give the skate park some recognition. I am hoping to see an article in the *Townsmen* soon.

Mark Outwin
High Vale Lane

[Editor's note: See stories, page 14 this week; page 13 on March 12.]

An inspirational gift to families

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Andover's Parent to Parent enrichment series offered an inspirational gift to families and the community this past week by sponsoring the speaker Catherine Steiner-Adair. She updated us on the latest psychological theories of development for girls.

As the title of her presentation suggests — Sustaining Voice, Vision and Courage: The Challenge of Raising Healthy Girls in the '90s — we as a community need to pay attention to how to nurture girls as they develop differently from boys. Dr. Steiner-Adair adroitly pointed out how we are also gaining new insights into the development of boys through the unfolding advancements in the studies of girls.

The final question of the evening, asked by another mother, raised the same quandary that compelled me to attend the lecture, "How do we help our daughters?" As the parent of a 6-year-old girl, I had come for the answer to that question, yet found myself reeling through a range of reactions and feelings concerning what lay ahead for her.

How does a girl develop a strong sense of safety in the world? What vision, what aspirations will she have for herself in the future? Will she grow to be a woman, comfortable in her own skin, "full of herself" in a healthy way? Will she have the courage and skills to speak her mind and heart? A few specific strategies I keyed in on included:

- Keep having girls express their feelings.
- Deal with group problems as a group.
- Listen a lot. Let her know you want to know what she really thinks.
- Take them up to a higher level of responsibility in their relationships.
- Have many definitions for success.

These techniques began to fit with the techniques laid out in the nationally-recognized parenting program, S.T.E.P. (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting).

Parent to Parent offers S.T.E.P. discus-

sion groups where parents can learn to listen more carefully; learn to foster success through encouragement rather than an all-or-nothing use of praise; and learn to apply and model problem solving skills. We are fortunate to have access to this program and its talented staff. Many thanks go out to Parent to Parent for the high caliber of support and direction they provide to the families of Andover through both discussion groups and the speaker series. Next year I hope more dads can attend.

Janice Holden
14 Chester St.

It's time for a parking garage

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Recent articles in the *Townsmen* like the one about Mike Miller and his Link Corporation indicate a general concern about the future of downtown Andover. Retired and motivated to learn more about the current situation there, I interviewed over 20 people: clerks, managers and owners, town officials, architects, developers and neighbors.

Everyone interviewed recognizes one or more very real problems occurring in downtown Andover. The interesting thing about these problems is that it appears that one solution can resolve them all. The time has come to select a site for a town parking garage. It is even more important that the site selection be done in parallel with other town site-selection decisions. The site for the proposed new safety center is a case in point.

For the moment let's concentrate on the problems. They are:

1. The town is missing the opportunity to collect substantial increases in commercial tax revenues. Business properties that are very attractive for redevelopment, each of which could easily quadruple its tax revenues to the town, are not being redeveloped.
2. Downtown businesses are missing revenues that result when shoppers have more choices. Wouldn't you prefer to shop downtown instead of at a mall, if you had the mall's variety of choice?
3. A town bylaw requires one square foot of off-street parking for every square foot of floor space developed for a new use. This increases the cost of redevelopment to where it is unattractive to create new space for small retailers. They cannot afford the rent required.
4. When redevelopment does take place, the new or renovated building is half the size of the original and yields the town half of the potential revenue it would if off-street parking spaces were not required. Exceptions occur when the new business can rent parking spaces from an existing inventory. The First Essex Bank in the old Post Office rents spaces off Elm Street from the Free Christian Church.
5. The character of downtown Andover is changing in two ways.
 - a. The number and size of buildings is being reduced as new development takes place. Two architects and some citizens conscious of aesthetics have described our downtown as looking like it has "missing teeth."
 - b. Due to the increased costs described

above (see 3), only institutions like investment houses and banks can afford the new rents. The desired retail expansion is not occurring. Instead the number of small retailers in Andover has been substantially reduced.

6. Residents whose homes are close to the business district have cars of downtown employees parked regularly in front of their homes. How would you feel about that? Do they deserve it? Don't the rest of us owe them a solution?

7. Some employees feel forced into meter-feeding to solve their parking need. They do not like to do it but believe they have no better choice.

Norm Viehmann
35 Lucerne Drive

The cost of doing nothing could be high

Editor, *Townsmen*:

As a fairly new (seven months) resident of Andover with three children in the public school system (two of whom will be in middle school in the year 2001), I have followed the 5-8 middle-school debate with interest.

A point that needs to be made is that the cost of not doing anything, except more study, is potentially higher than the cost of supporting the current plan and adjusting it as we go along.

The school district I moved from, which had public schools comparable in quality to here, had the problem of overcrowding in the elementary schools for at least a decade. The School Board was wishy-washy, lacking the political will to squarely face the issue. The mantra recited every year was that it was hard to forecast school-age population trends (in a township that had no new construction).

Consequently, each year band-aid solutions were implemented as needed. One especially creative patch was to have no attendance boundaries for kindergartners. This meant that your kindergartner was bused to whichever of the four elementary schools had room for him/her, with the child moving back to the boundary-designated school in first grade.

The township was always reacting to the current situation, never planning for the future. Finally, in 1996, a redistricting plan was implemented. Because it was done in desperation, the result was a bitter fight, bad feelings between neighborhoods, much negative press and lots of houses for sale. In spite of all this, the elementary schools remain overcrowded, just redistributed.

In contrast to this, I find Andover refreshing. A well-studied, meritorious plan is before us and the (current) School Committee appears to have the will to implement it. At the same time, they are sensitive to objections from the community and are willing to address concerns (e.g. the busing situation and an environmental impact study). They are keeping lines of communication open through public forums and abundant literature disseminated through both the elementary and middle schools. I see debate and that is good.

The potential problem comes if all of us allow the debate to stifle and stop the process. Any plan involves an element of risk because it is based on assumptions,

and if some of the assumptions are miscalculated, then the plan requires adjustment. But it is much better to march into the future armed with a plan than to permit the naysayers and procrastinators to grind the process to a halt. This only results in always being behind the problem and never on top of it. Let's not allow that to happen here. Let's support the plan and fine tune it as we go along.

Becky Sload, Ph.D.
16 Carter Lane

Snubbed by selectmen

Editor, *Townsmen*:

After two years of labored discussion, the Board of Selectmen snubbed their noses at the people of Shawsheen Village and indirectly at the entire town of Andover. Their message is clear: unless you're part of local politics or contribute money to support your crusade, even an entire community's voice can not effect change.

Despite 125 votes from the community that will be directly affected, the board sided with a special interest group for the rights to the Shawsheen field. (That's a vote of 125:1). The investment for these rights was a paltry \$50,000. That \$50,000 resulted in the town contributing approximately \$89,000 to further support this special interest's crusade. Quite a coup.

After more than a year of opposition and offers to discuss compromises, the board drove a stake into the heart of democracy in Andover. Not only are the selectmen legally wrong about the facts, they are now morally and ethically at fault for not admitting their mistake. They heard the voice of the people loud and clear but their egos or pride or commitment to this special interest group blinded them to why they were elected to office in the first place — to serve the people.

Having been a resident of Shawsheen Village for only four years, I was truly impressed and proud of our community for the clarity they were able to bring to a totally confused and mismanaged town warrant — a warrant the selectmen were successful in railroading through under the guise of a proposal to return some of the old-world charm; to provide ambient lighting for "night-time skating." Not organized team sports that require stadium lighting in a family neighborhood.

It's irrelevant that the issue is about the installation of 60-foot lighting towers that are going to permanently change the character of one of Andover's historical family neighborhoods. The real issue is that our Board of Selectmen — Mr. Silverman, Mr. Hess, Mr. Downs and Dr. Larsen — have no interest in the facts. The people have spoken and it's clear it has fallen on deaf ears. The only selectman with enough courage to realize the injustice and who was willing to consider alternatives was Mr. Major. I commend him for his efforts.

It's a pity that town politics live up to the stereotype most people envision; a group of stubborn old men, making misinformed decisions that will impact the lives of an entire community. Unfortunately, my children will be suffering the consequences of these men's myopic decision long after they are gone.

Bill Carey
4 Arundel St.

Will take-out restaurant grow at Pumps Pond?

By Neil Fater

Residents swimming at Pumps Pond this summer may also have the chance to order from a beefed-up menu — provided, of course, they wait 30 minutes before going back in the water.

That's because the town wants to turn Pumps Pond's snack bar into something akin to a take-out restaurant with a view. Andover officials hope to buy a cooking appliance that will let them add hot dogs, hamburgers and fries to the ice cream, candy, pizza and popcorn already served at the pond.

"We've always had the same old, same old down there. This machine can cook a variety of different food items. We're looking to extend the menu," says Department of Community Services co-coordinator Mary Donohue. "It's time to offer something besides pizza."

To pay for the new cooker and food, the town manager and DCS are requesting an increase in the DCS budget. Although officials budgeted \$4,500 in the "food" account last year and estimate they'll spend \$7,000, they want \$8,200 in the food account for upcoming fiscal year 1999.

If the increased budget passes, Donohue says the cooking machine will be ready for the first hungry swimmers when the pond opens this summer.

The new eating establishment is tentatively being called "Pondview Restaurant" but Donohue says, "If anyone has a better suggestion for the name, then they can let us know."

The town expects Pumps to open to the public June 27.

Computer programs

Another increase in the budget is to pay for new software and a computer so that the community services department can keep a person's information on file. Because the current computer system is 20 years old and limited, Donohue says workers

must type in the names, addresses and phone numbers of people every time they register for a class.

With new software, this information could be kept on file and pulled in whenever the person registered for something new, saving time, she says.

The department and the town manager are requesting a data-processing account increase from \$300 to \$4,800.

'We've always had the same old same old. We're looking to extend the menu. It's time to offer something besides pizza.'

Mary Donohue

Community Services

Becker ...

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3. Given that the town has a long list of capital projects and limited funds, which projects would you support doing immediately? Which would you delay more than five years? Be specific.

Prioritizing the town's needs is the first job of the Board of Selectman. At present, my top priority would be the construction

of the public safety center. We've neglected to update our facilities for too long, and the current building is inadequate for our town's needs. At some point, public safety could be affected, and we rely on our police officers and firefighters every day.

4. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

Maybe I'd be Lisa Simpson because she is bright, talented and has wisdom beyond her years.

Hess ...

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before proceeding. Debt service is going down so now a good time, though not all are financed by bonds. Sidewalks, building maintenance, and vehicle replacement must be done regularly. Senior Center was funded by 1997 Town Meeting. Space problems in

the schools are priority. Need to have adequate safety center. New youth center can be postponed (focus on youth programs).

4. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

Schroeder, because my grandmother always wanted me to learn to play the piano.

Nieves ...

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you delay more than five years? Be specific.

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cles for this April should be approved. By the five-year mark, we should expand safety services — fire, police, ambulance, etc.

4. If you could become any cartoon or comic strip character, who would it be? Why?

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Thursday, March 12 - At 2:28 p.m., Jose E. Francisco, 45, of Foster Street, Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with driving an uninsured car with revoked plates and a suspended license.

At 2:29 p.m., John F. Dipesa, 23, of Salem Street, Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving an unregistered vehicle with a revoked license.

At 7:50 p.m., after the report of a domestic dispute, a 16-year-old Andover male was arrested and charged with assault and battery, and malicious destruction of property valued at \$250 or less.

Saturday, March 14 - At 11:23 a.m., Victor M. Rojas, 32, of Center Street, Methuen, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on warrants for assault and battery.

Sunday, March 15 - At 3:13 a.m., a 19-year-old Andover man was taken into protective custody on Post Office Avenue.

At 12:09 p.m., after a report of an attempted theft of hubcaps, Jason P. Marr, 21, of Fairway Drive, Derry, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with attempting to commit a crime and driving with a suspended license.

Monday, March 16 - At 1:26 p.m., Derek McCarthy, 26, of 33 Shawsheen Road, Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

Tuesday, March 17 - At 4:21 p.m., Tuglio G. Mello, 37, of 22 Railroad Ave., Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 11 - At 8:12 a.m., police received a letter from the Andover Animal Hospital requesting for police to either pay for a quarantine the town had ordered, or to force the animal owner to pay the bill.

At 11:46 a.m., the West Middle School principal reported a student was brought to her office for possessing a knife.

At 5:14 p.m., an Andover woman reported a violation of a one-day-old restraining order.

Thursday, March 12 - At 11:44 a.m., the head of Hewlett-Packard security reported he had a tape for police to listen to regarding a threat.

At 6:28 p.m., a South Main Street woman reported that after school, a man in a sport-utility vehicle had approached her son and offered him a ride home.

Friday, March 13 - At 1:47 a.m., an Andover woman reported her boyfriend had threatened to kill her. An officer brought the woman to the

station to fill out a restraining order application. A restraining order was later served to a man. Friday, at 10:46 p.m., a 56-year-old Salem, Mass., man was taken into protective custody outside of the residence.

At 4:37 a.m., Pinkerton security on Minuteman Drive asked police to speak with a man who had been parking his vehicle near a construction site at the end of 1776 Drive. An officer reported the man is homeless, was resting, and was moved along.

At 6:55 a.m., a domestic dispute between a father and son was reported by the father who felt his 18-year-old son was out of control.

At 10:08 a.m., after a driver was reported to have entered Smith & Nephew's parking lot in a vehicle traveling "at a high rate of speed," an officer reported locating an abandoned car. The officer walked into the woods and found teen-age students around a camp fire. The officer had the youths extinguish the fire, return to school, and advised them that "if they returned to the area, further action would be taken."

At 1 p.m., IRS security reported receiving complaints about protesters going onto the property to force people to take their flyers.

At 2:51 p.m., a male and female came into the station to report being assaulted in front of a Park Street store.

At 7:28 p.m., a caller reported her car being hit by "a giant spit ball" on Ballardvale Road. An officer checked the area but found no one around.

At 8:20 p.m., a Central Street caller reported returning home and finding no water pressure. When he opened the bottom valve of his water heater "sand came pouring out." The man called the water treatment plant but no one answered. Police contacted a water official at home, and he was to have someone follow up on this problem.

Saturday, March 14 - At 2:15 p.m., Tage Inn security reported a fight in the front parking lot involving five people. The aggressors had left the scene by the time police arrived, and the rest of the people were heading home.

At 8:36 a.m., a Sequoia Lane caller reported seeing a pick-up truck parked in his neighbor's driveway although no one was home. An officer reported it was a private investigator, who had filed the appropriate paperwork at the police station.

At 10:09 p.m., an officer was to file on a child abuse case, regarding a father who disciplined his child at the Town House on Main Street. Police followed up with social services who will be investigat-

ing.

Sunday, March 15 - At 12:56 a.m., a caller reported there had been a fight at the Marriott and one person was injured. Everyone had left before police arrived.

At 5:29 p.m., someone tried to pass a phony prescription at CVS. The person was to be summonsed into court.

Monday, March 16 - At 7:26 a.m., there was a report of a domestic situation between an Andover woman and her boyfriend.

At 8:56 p.m., a man reported that his wife had threatened to kill him.

Tuesday, March 16 - At 12:06 a.m., a manager of apartments on Post Office Avenue reported people having a fist fight outside.

At 3:58 p.m., a Main Street bakery reported two females fighting inside, who then brought their argument outside.

At 5:31 p.m., a Andover Country Lane woman reported a strange white van in her driveway. An officer reported the vehicle belonged to one of her friends.

At 10:53 p.m., a man reported his wife was "ransacking the bedroom" and asked to speak with an officer.

THEFTS

Wednesday, March 11 - At 11:13 a.m., a North Main Street mortgage company reported the theft of a check from their office.

Sunday, March 15 - At 11:29 p.m., a person on High Street reported the theft of \$100.

Monday, March 16 - At 12:57 p.m., Hewlett-Packard security reported the theft of some personal computers.

Tuesday, March 17 - At 10:31 a.m., a wallet and credit cards were reported stolen from Silverado athletic club on Main Street.

CAR BREAKS

Thursday, March 12 - At 9:10 a.m., a car break was reported at the Tage Inn, but the next day the inn reported locating some items that had been stolen.

Friday, March 13 - At 8:21 p.m., after a report that something was burning on Jenkins Road, a burning, stolen car was recovered.

Monday, March 16 - At 10:02 p.m., a car was found burning at Andover Country Club off of Canterbury Street. The owner said the car should have been at a repair shop in Epson, N.H.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, March 13 - At 12:01 a.m., an accident with personal injury was reported on Holt Road after a car hit a tree. The driver was to be summonsed for operating under the influence of alcohol, and was trans-

ported to Lawrence General Hospital.

Saturday, March 14 - At 12:04 p.m., there was a report of an accident with minor personal injury on Central Street.

Monday, March 16 - At 5:15 p.m., an officer was to report on a hit-and-run that occurred at the Shawsheen Plaza parking lot earlier that day.

VANDALISM

Thursday, March 12 - At 1:09

a.m., a frontage Road caller reported his tires were slashed and his windows were smashed after a "road rage" incident earlier that evening.

At 6:26 p.m., someone reported a rock had been thrown through a window of Memorial Auditorium on Bartlet Street.

There were seven other reported cases of vandalism this week including cut telephone wires at a North Street group home.



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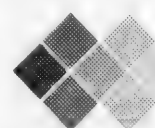
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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, March 19

Meeting. Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Easter Seals 1-800-922-8290.

Meeting. Village Garden Club, 1 p.m., at the home of Mary Des Marais; location has been changed from the Historical Society; Carol O'Neil.

Maudslay's Wildflowers. A Lifelong Learning presentation sponsored by Northern Essex Community College, featuring photographer Ray Marcelonis presenting slides about the flowers found in Maudslay State Park, 2 p.m., Bentley Library Conference Area, Northern Essex Community College, Elliott Way, Haverhill; May DiPietro (978) 556-3688.

Meeting. Merrimack Valley Chapter, Massachusetts Association of Insurance Women Inc. (MAIW), Anne Turner, ASP, of Wausau Insurance Co., will speak on office ergonomics; 5:30 p.m. Andover Marriott; Donna Bistany (978) 469-0207.

24-Hour Relay Challenge informational meeting. 7 p.m. Andover High School Cafeteria, Shawsheen Road; RSVP to AHS Community Service Room 623-0964.

Poetry reading by Hildred Crill. 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; (800) 491-0143.



FRIDAY, March 20

Murder of the Loaded Librarian, a 'whodunit' fundraiser for Friends of Memorial Hall Library, with Andover-related cast, refreshments, 7:30 p.m., \$20, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; 623-8401.

Conference, sponsored by La Leche League of Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Vermont, family entertainment and refreshments, 7:15 p.m., \$7 one child with one adult, \$5 each additional adult, \$2 each additional child, children under 1 year free, tickets sold at door for a slightly higher price, talk by Hedda Sherapan, associate pro-

ducer of *Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood*, 7 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$15 at door; (508) 674-3156.

Appraisal night, sponsored by Crispin's Bears, Jay Hadly, teddy bear authority, will appraise teddy bears (and other stuffed animals), 5-8 p.m., \$5 donation for each bear appraisal, 23 Barnard St.

Meeting, the Home-based Businesswomen's Network Inc., Corrinne Trabucco of Burlington will give a talk on "Managing Stress by the Alexander Technique," 8:30 a.m., \$10, Village Green Restaurant, Route 1-North, Newbury Street, Danvers;

Elaine (978) 531-3051. **George M.**, sponsored by Paint and Powder Club, benefit Franciscan Children's Hospital, 8 p.m., \$15, Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street; 685-7467, 682-7974. **Tot Shabbat**, special abbreviated Sabbath service for toddlers, preschool and school-aged children, 7 p.m., 8:15 regular adult service, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Barbara Hacker 470-1563. **Fortress**, a comedy performed by Minuteman Tech's Drama Club, 8 p.m., \$5, Minuteman Tech, 758 Marrett Road, Lexington; (781) 861-6500.

SATURDAY, March 21

Mt. Wachusett day hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Committee, winter hiking gear required; Maryellen Zizis 658-6684.

Concert, Tany Kodinsky and Lilia Muchnik present classical music for piano and violin, benefit Hope for Children, a volunteer organization dedicated to the health services for needy children in New England, refreshments, 7 p.m. \$10 adults, \$7 seniors and children, North Parish Church of North Andover, 130 Academy Road, North Andover.

Conference, sponsored by La Leche League of Massachusetts/Rhode Island/Vermont, speakers, special session for fathers, children; Maryann McIntyre (781) 447-2499.

Cajun fest, featuring food, Cajun music by Crawdad Wranglers, 6-7 p.m., dinner, \$15, 7:30 p.m., lessons and dancing, \$10, dinner and dancing, \$20, Universalist Unitarian Church, Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259. **St. Patrick's supper**,



Tanya Kodinsky and Lilia Muchnik will present a selection of classical music for piano and violin Saturday, March 21, at North Parish Church of North Andover. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children. Refreshments will be served. All proceeds will go to Hope for Children, a volunteer organization dedicated to the health services for needy children in New England.

traditional Irish recipes, seatings at 5 and 6:30 p.m., \$8 adults, \$3.50, children under 11 years

of age, toddlers free, tickets available Monday-Friday at church office 9 a.m.-3 p.m., West



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Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road; 475-3528.

Pasta supper, 4:30 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2, children under 12, Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence.

Concert, Andover students perform in Massachusetts Music Educators Association Northeast Junior District Festival, 2:30 p.m., Lowell High School, Lowell.

Concert, Cantors Donn Rosensweig and Jodi Schechtman present a program of Broadway and popular love songs, post-concert dessert gala, 7:30 p.m., \$20, \$15 seniors and students; Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

George M, 8 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 20.

Auction, benefit Andover High School scholarships, entertainment by AHS students and faculty, silent auction 1-9 p.m., live auction 7:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2 students, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St.; Liz Willey 681-8321 or Sara Tuman 475-8433.

ARC Awareness Tag Day, sponsored by the ARC of Northern Essex County Inc., 8 a.m.-noon White's Corner, Haverhill; (978) 373-0552.

New England Craft and Specialty Food Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., \$3 adults, under 14 free, Rockingham Park Racetrack, Salem, N.H.; (603) 755-2166.

Celebrating Gershwin, Granite State Ballet performs all-Gershwin program, 8 p.m., \$16 adults, \$12 students, seniors, Colonial Theatre, Keene, N.H.; (603) 889-8406 or (603) 889-8408.

Fortress, see entry under Friday, March 20.

SUNDAY, March 22

Shawsheen River Trail hike, train accessible, boots advised, meet at Ballardvale train station parking lot, Boston train information available: Susan Kelly (617) 491-3415.

Boxford town forest hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Committee, 6-7 mile flat, forested trails, meet at East Boxford Library; Steve Davis (978) 352-2250.

Health & Fitness Expo, sponsored by American Heart Association, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., World

Trade Center Boston; (617) 385-5126.

Passover Fair, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Hebrew Academy, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Montefiore Synagogue, 460 Westford St., Lowell; (978) 452-6842.

Boot Scoot, country Western fundraiser sponsored by American Diabetes Association, entertainment, free country and line dance lessons, Western buffet, silent auction, noon-6 p.m., \$10, White Buffalo Saloon, Route 97, at the state line between Salem, N.H., and Methuen; (603) 627-9579 or 1-800-477-9579.

Concert, presented by Russian-American Music Association, Mazo-Shlyam/Lifson Piano Duo, 3 p.m., \$15, \$10 senior citizens, students, Longy School of Music, Edward M. Pickman Concert Hall, 27 Garden St., Cambridge; Patricia Huang 475-2689.

Lenten luncheon, sponsored by Greek Ladies Philoptochos Society, following 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 7 Chandler Road; Elaine Kevgas 683-4004.

George M, 2 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 20.

New England Craft and Specialty Food Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Saturday, March 21.

WEDNESDAY, March 25

Lecture, Hollywood composer Mason Daring, 6:30-8 p.m., Merrimack College, McQuade Library Auditorium, junctions of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; 837-LINK (5465).

Meeting, Learning In Retirement Association (LIRA), *Art from the Heart*, a study of religious art, presented by Elizabeth Biga, 10 a.m.-noon, UMass-Lowell West Campus, Princeton Boulevard; 250-1807 or 957-7425.

THURSDAY, March 26

An Evening of Connection, Song and Community, vocalist James Ball, 8 p.m., \$15 adults, \$13 youth and seniors, Arekalian Theater, Firehouse Center, One Market Square, Newburyport; box office (978) 462-7336.

Talk, sponsored by the North Andover Open Space Committee, Peter

Forbes, vice president and regional director of the Trust for Public Land, will talk to landowners about planning effectively and economically for the future of their land, 7-9 p.m., Stevens Memorial Library, North Andover; Ellen Sweeney 686-7712.

Open house, Citizens League for Adult Special Services (CLASS), 1-6 p.m., 1 Parker St., Lawrence; 975-8587.

FRIDAY, March 27

Wine-tasting, specialty beers, silent auction, sponsored by Merrimack Valley Chapter of UNICO, benefit UNICO Merrimack Valley Charitable Foundation, 7-10 p.m., \$100 couple, Andover Country Club, Canterbury Street; Sam Reitano 470-0138, Jeff Ferrante 475-4737 or 975-8798.

Mardi Gras, sponsored by Single Eights and Round Dance Club, 8 p.m., \$5 includes refreshments, Tewksbury Congregational Church Hall, Route 38, Main Street, Tewksbury; Jeanne (781) 279-4328.

Quilt Show, sponsored by North Parish Quilters, 7-9 p.m., Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; Janice Bye (617) 944-3037.

SATURDAY, March 28

Concert, singer/songwriter Don White, 8 p.m., \$7 adults, \$3 children, \$15, family, \$5 college students with ID, Daily Grind Coffeehouse at First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; church office 682-5305.

Auction, benefits Cape Ann Waldorf School, silent auction 6-8 p.m., accompanied by live music, live auction 8 p.m., \$5, includes refreshments, Cape Ann Waldorf School, 668 Hale St., Beverly Farms; (978) 927-8811.

Bus tour, sponsored by Andover and North Andover Historical Societies, three-hour tour of textile industries in the communities, reservations required, 10 a.m., North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover; 475-2236, 686-4035.

Celebrating Gershwin, 8 p.m., Palace Theater, Manchester,

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N.H., see entry under Saturday, March 21.

Craft fair, more than 50 crafters, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., pancake breakfast, 9-11 a.m., \$3 adults, \$1.50 children under 12, Sacred Heart Church Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence; Irene 686-5712.

Quilt show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see entry under Friday, March 27.

SUNDAY, March 29

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Andover Committee, Winnekenni Park in Haverhill, meet at parking lot #1, Northern Essex Community College; Art Olsen (978) 374-0751.

Spring Splendor, brunch followed by demonstration of flower arranging by Flowers by Steve, to benefit Girls Incorporated, \$37, Haverhill Country Club; (978) 372-0771.

Auditions, comedy *Five Women Wearing the Same Dress*, cast of five women ages 20s-30s, one male in mid-20s, noon, Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theater, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Concert, New England Classical Singers, 3 p.m., Methuen Memorial Music Hall, 192 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen; \$10, \$6 seniors, students, tickets at Andover Bookstore or at door; 688-2816.

ONGOING

Museums and Historic Homes

Andover Historical Society permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and wood-working tools, currently on display is the Society's pewter exhibit; library and office hours 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, Mondays by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, Main and Phillips Streets, *Origins and Ancestors: Investigating Paleo-Indians in New England*, explores the landscape now called New England at the end of the last Ice Age, from 13,000 to 11,000 years ago, and its first inhabitants, particular focus

on recent discoveries about these people and their rapidly changing environment, through July 31, Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., free; 749-4490.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, permanent and changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 686-4035.

Lowell National Historic Park, history of the American Industrial Revolution, guided tours of cotton and textile mills, canals, Suffolk Mill Water Power Tour, a 90-minute program, 2:30 p.m., Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, *Child Labor: Documentary Photography and the Quest for Reform*, historical and contemporary views of child labor in the U.S. and around the world through the photographs of Lewis W. Hine and David L. Parker, gallery hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, closed on various holidays, Boott Gallery, 40 Foot of John Street; Suffolk Mill Turbine Exhibit, noon-4:30 p.m.; tours include Nature of the Merrimack; Canal and River Cruise; Harnessing the Merrimack; Pawtucket Canal Tour; Spindle City Bike Series; Suffolk Mill Waterpower Tour; Downtown Tour; Working People Exhibit; Boott Cotton Mills Museum; (978) 970-5000.

Exploring Lowell, join a ranger for a 30- to 90-minute program exploring a variety of Lowell-related topics, all tours are free, 1 p.m., Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell; 970-5000.

American Textile History Museum presents *Textiles in America*, its permanent exhibition of how textiles shaped the lives of people from Colonial times to the present, wheelchair accessible, Tuesday-Fri-

day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults 17 and over, \$3 children 6-16, seniors and students with ID; free for children under 6 and museum members, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; (978) 441-0400.

Wenham Museum, exhibits feature *Dwellings: Large and Small*, dollhouses ranging in age from 1800s to 1930s, architectural models and drawings; *Play Families*, a collection of Fisher-Price family playsets and pull-toys from 1931 to present; special doll exhibit of original dolls featured on U.S. Post Office's sheet of doll stamps; model and toy train room with three operating layouts; guided tour of 17th-century Claffin Richards House, one of the oldest on the North Shore; 132 Main St., Wenham, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children (under 3 free), \$3.50 seniors, members free; (978) 468-2377.

New England Quilt Museum, *Quilted Portraits*, exhibit of 35 patchwork pictures that explore the human spirit, through April 12, *Story Book Quilts: Marion Cheever Whiteside Newton*, April 17-June 14, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. closed Sundays; handicap parking, \$4 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; (978) 452-4207.

Custom House Maritime Museum, opens April 1, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, 1-4 p.m. closed Wednesday afternoons, operated by Newburyport Maritime Society, 25 Water St., Newburyport; Cynthia Novotny (978) 462-8681.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, Robert Hudson and Richard Shaw: *New Ceramic Sculpture*, through March 29, *Expanded Visions: The Panoramic Photograph*, through April 5, gallery talks, educational programming and exhibitions open to the public, free of charge, Phillips Academy campus; 749-4015.

Bravos Arts Gallery, *Love the Landscape*, traditional and expressive in oil and acrylic, through April 6, Thursday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; 1 East Main St., Georgetown; (978) 352-8102.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 623-8321.

Vertu Fine Art Gallery, *Carnival and Sky*, photograph exhibit, and Mill #1, The Tannery, 50 Water St., Newburyport; (978) 462-3735.

Brush Art Gallery, *SELFAMUSED II: The Contemporary Artist as Observer and Observed*, through March 22, wheelchair accessible, Wednesday-Sunday noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; (978) 459-7819.

McQuade Library Art Gallery, exhibit of color field paintings by Elizabeth Da Costa Ahern, through April 6, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m., Merrimack College, junction of Routes 114 and 125, North Andover; 837-5000.

Robert Lehman Art

Center, an exhibit of the works of local sculpture David Raymond and photographer Elsa Voelcker, through March, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-noon; Sunday 1:30-5 p.m. Brooks School, North Andover; Michael B. King (978) 725-6232.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, *The Original Art: Celebrating the Fine Art of Children's Book Illustration*, handi-cap accessible, through April 4, 5-7 p.m., Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, noon-4 p.m.; 23 Essex St., Beverly; (978) 922-8222.

Whistler House Museum of Art, *Ten Women*, through April 11, 10 women artist works representing interpretations of their environments, coordinated by Lowell National Historic Park for the celebration of Women's History Week, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; (978) 452-7641.

Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center, "Lawrence Treasures," porcelain souvenirs and memorabilia of Lawrence, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 794-1655.

Theatre

The Diary of Anne Frank, March 19-April 11, Thursdays-Saturdays, dinner 7 p.m., show 8:30 p.m., Sunday dinner 5 p.m., show 6:30 p.m., matinees March 22, 25, 27, 29, 31, April 5, \$20.50-\$27.50, show only \$10-\$12, group rates, discounts children and seniors, wheelchair accessible, The Amesbury Playhouse Dinner Theatre, 194 Main St., Amesbury; (978) 388-9444.

Alone Together, through March 22, Thursday-Saturday, dinner, 6:15 p.m., show, 8:30; Sunday, dinner, noon, show, 3 p.m.,

\$17.95-\$24.95, senior discounts Thursdays and Sundays, student discount, Thursdays, children under 12 discount Sundays, reservations required, Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300, or (Mass. only) 800-287-PLAY.

Frankie & Johnny in the Clair De Lune, a sexy, funny, touching romance, March 23-April 11, Wednesdays through Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 3 p.m., Sundays, March 29 and April 5, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2 p.m., \$23-\$29, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Liberty Hall, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St.; box office (978) 454-3926.

Ain't Misbehavin', through March 22, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, March 22, 3 and 7 p.m., \$20, \$18 youth seniors, includes \$1 Firehouse Preservation fee, Firehouse Center, Market Square, Newburyport; box office 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (978) 462-7336.

Meetings/Activities

Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, North Andover; 475-0875.

Al-Anon meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St.

William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie (978) 851-7655.

Adult Learning Center, 243 South Broadway, Lawrence, offers free citizenship classes Monday and Wednesday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Karen Sheridan 975-5917.

Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, discusses book of the week, activity room, Memorial Hall Library, 7:30-9 p.m.; Jean McGreehan 667-9610.

Andover Choral Society, all voice parts are welcome to join, auditions are not required, rehearsals are held Monday evening, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Christy Puntoni 470-8747.

Bridge game and lessons, Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 6 Locke St.; (603) 382-0123 J. J. Zamierowski.

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 683-7747, Ext. 423.

Men's woodcarving group meets on Mondays at 9 a.m. on a drop-in basis at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., 623-8321.

Newcomers Club of Andover, social club for residents of Andover and North Andover,

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variety of activities, membership open to new and established residents; Linda Iannelli 686-2263 or Linda Latta 975-8767.

Safe Place, a support group for those who have lost a loved one through suicide, second and fourth Tuesday of every month, March 24, April 14, 28, May 12, 26, June 9, 23, July 14, 28, Aug. 11, 25, Sept. 8, 22, Oct. 13, 27, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, 22, 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Parish Rectory House; Samaritans of Merrimack Valley 688-0030.

North Shore Chorus rehearsals, women over 18 who enjoy singing and performing, can "carry a tune," have good sense of humor, 7:30 p.m., Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 470-2626.

The Greater Lawrence Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), meets every third Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 7-9 p.m., 475-0875.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter; meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 475-6960.

Separated and divorced ministry meeting, support group meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m., Parish Center, 1 St. Augustine Drive, all are welcome; Chuck 685-7238, or Klara 475-7358.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club,

Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Nicotine Anonymous, meets weekly, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., 7:15-8:30 p.m.; 475-0183.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger (978) 372-2648.

Country-western dancing, El Dorado Room, Old Nashua Road, Dracut, Sundays, 7 p.m., couples and line-dance lessons, cash bar; (978) 772-2195.

Country-western dancing, Moose Lodge, North Street, North Reading, Fridays, 7:30 p.m.-midnight,



Dance Prism will host *A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland* at the Collins Center Sunday, April 5, at 2:30 p.m. The ballet will be followed by a complimentary English tea during which children can meet the story's characters. Dance Prism's original production of *Alice in Wonderland*, choreographed by Scott Ranagan and Mary Demaso to the light-hearted music of Percy Grainger, follows Lewis Carroll's classic tale of a little girl's pursuit of a White Rabbit into a unpredictable land where fantasy and absurdity prevail. The ballet traces Alice's encounters with the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, the Cheshire Cat, and the irascible Queen of Hearts with her retinue of Cards. Several new roles, including a swarm of Rockinghorse Flies and a sextet of flighty Jubjub Birds, have been added to Carroll's extraordinary ensemble. Following the performance children (and adults) will be invited to have tea and sweets with Alice, the White Rabbit, and the other madcap inhabitants of Wonderland. Dance Prism, a touring ballet company directed by Demaso and Ranagan, has performed throughout New England for 15 years; its *Nutcracker* productions have appeared in Andover each of the last eight holiday seasons. *Alice in Wonderland* has been a popular staple of the company's repertory since its 1987 premiere. The current production focuses on company dancers Sonya Turner as Alice, Mara Shelton and Tom Hebert as the Queen and King of Hearts, Clarissa Eaton as the Cheshire Cat, Christine Morin as the irritable Duchess, and Jonathan H. Towle and Dwayne Rondeau as the Mad Hatter and the March Hare. Robert McGown will return to the company after dancing in Las Vegas and New York for the past 10 years to recreate the role of the White Rabbit, which he originated. The performance and the tea are included in the admission price of \$16 for adults, \$8 for children and seniors. For tickets, call Dance Prism's box office at (978) 371-1038. Group rates are available; remaining tickets will be sold at the door. The theater is wheelchair-accessible.

New works by local poets

Thresholds: New Work by Andover Poets," a reading by and for the community marking National Poetry Month, will take place Sunday, April 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

Twenty-two poets will present a variety of interpretations of the chosen "Thresholds" theme in poems they will read in Andover for the first time. Most of the poems will be new works written especially for the event.

According to Andover poet Christine Gebhard, the concept for the reading grew out of an open meeting of poets living and/or working in Andover that she organized last December. About 20 poets attended the meeting to discuss ways to build on the momentum gathered by Andover's 350th anniversary poetry festival. "We decided on a theme and a

deadline that gave us the winter for our writing time," said Gebhard. "The resulting poems reflect the talent, energy, and ideas of Andover's poets. The fun of this reading will be in hearing the many variations on the 'Thresholds' theme."

Participants in the reading will include Kathleen Aponick, Jeri Bayer, Mary Dominick Chivers, Ned Clay, Beverly M. Darling, Agnes D. Devejian, Lois Frankenberger, Christine Gebhard, Jane Gossard, Frances McCormick, Nancy Bailey Miller, Helena Minton, Robert A. Mirisola, Thomas F. Mofford, Diane M. Pitochelli, Dennis Richards, Lawrence Rungren, Mark Schorr, Ellen Davis Sullivan, Patricia Wells Thornton, Paula Trespas, and Deborah Warren.

Refreshments will be served. The library is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 470-0040.

couples and line-dance lessons, \$5 donation; Ken (978) 772-2195, or 664-2721.

Divorce/separation recovery support group, sponsored by Free Christian Church and Willowdale Center for Psychological Services, 7-9 p.m., \$20 meeting, \$40 registration fee, Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; 475-0700.

Folk dance, Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club, weekly Thursday classes, 7:30 p.m., Shawsheen Elementary School, Shawsheen Avenue, Wilmington; 658-8583 or 658-3480.

Lowell Opera Company rehearsals Mondays, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, auditions not required, First United Baptist Church, Church Street, Lowell; Vita Selvaggio (978) 453-3610.

The Merrimacks 978 Toastmasters Club public-speaking skills meetings, second and fourth Mondays of month, guests welcome, Prescott House Nursing Home, North Andover, 7-9 p.m.; Pat Meredith 681-8014.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club, meets every Wednesday, 7:15 p.m., visitors welcome, Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; Sarah Musumeci 688-1116.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Embroiders Guild, third Tuesday of the month; Lee Oullette 458-6183 or Jane McCord 942-1349.

Newburyport Civil War Roundtable, meets first Monday each month, Ten Center Street Restaurant, 10 Center St., Newburyport, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Ladd 373-1723 or Kevin Brightney 465-2215.

Methuen Community Band rehearses every other Thursday 7-9 p.m., all instruments and levels of skills welcome, band room, Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Lori (978) 794-1973.

Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco (617) 245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

MS Support Group, meet second Monday of the month, Saint Francis Church Hall, Dracut, Judy 974-9228 or Maureen 459-6203.

Nicotine Anonymous, a support group to help stop the nicotine habit, meets every Wednesday evening, 7-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.; Judy Kaplan 470-0967.

North Andover Support Group for families dealing with aging issues and Alzheimer's disease, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at Nevins North Andover Adult Day Health Center, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 794-07436.

North Reading Community Chorale invites anyone who enjoys singing to join their rehearsals Mondays at 7:30 p.m., at Hood School, Haverhill Street, North Reading; (978) 664-3594.

North Shore Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, welcomes women over 18, rehearsals every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Lutheran Church, 280 Broadway, Wyoma Square, Lynn; Gloria Kozlosky (617) 233-5732 or Pat Fitzgerald (617) 324-1484.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Merrimack Valley Chapter holds monthly meetings, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

Psoriasis support group, sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 475-2774.

Reading arthritis support and education group, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m.; at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess (617) 944-0653, Reading Elder Services (617) 942-9056 or Arthritis Foundation, 1-800-766-9449.

Single parent group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at First Church Congre-

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ANDOVER'S CHAMPIONS: WHAT A SEASON!



◀ These winning smiles belong to Michelle Danis, Lisa Tisbert, Kristin Sweeney, Lindsey Pearson, Janice Copolino and Julie Viola.

Photos by
Lisa Adelsberger



The AHS girls varsity basketball team is introduced "Chicago Bulls-style" to the crowd at Old Town Hall. At right, in face paint, is emcee Brian Major.



More than 1,500 fans of the team turned out to show their support and appreciation.



Andover Youth Services director Bill Fahey has his face painted by Andover Youth Council member Judit Vadja. The Youth Council made the arrangements to host the party for the team Saturday night at Old Town Hall after it postponed a planned event.

Welcome Home!

By Rick Harrison

Andover town officials, merchants and police all banded together to give the AHS girls basketball team a proper "welcome home" after their state Division 1 title game against Minnechaug Regional.

The post-game festivities started when several police cars met the team bus, returning from the Worcester Centrum, at the junction of Routes 495 and 28 on North Main Street.

The police escort led the bus to the Old Town Hall building downtown, where a party had been planned in their honor — win or lose.

Several rooms were decorated and more than 1,000 people, including players relatives, students and fans, saluted the Eastern

Mass. champions and state finalists.

"The players were brought to an upstairs room and given loud, spotlighted introductions — like the Chicago Bulls — by a professional disc jockey," said coach Jim Tildsley.

Townsmen photos of the players in game action had been blown up to poster size and were on display throughout the hall.

Merchants donated pizza, subs, tonic and other food, and Nazarian's Jewelers presented a gift locket with a basketball pendant to each player.

After the ceremonies there was a dance, and the gala continued for several hours until just after midnight.

"The party was still going strong when I

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SPORTS



When these Andover High team members put their heads together, opponents better find their prayer books.

Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The finest era in AHS girls basketball history...

By Rick Harrison

WORCESTER — It's been five days since *THE GAME*, and Andover High girls basketball players, coaches and fans are getting on with the rest of their lives.

Emotions have cooled, the hoopla has subsided and the last of innumerable glowing articles has been pasted in the scrapbook.

For some athletes there was no rest. They had exactly 24 hours to reflect before putting the basketball away and picking up a bat, glove, tennis racquet or track spikes as spring sports practice began on Monday.

Four outstanding hoop seasons — each a little better than the last — culminated shortly after 7 p.m. Saturday at the Worcester Centrum with more than 4,000 people watching.

Andover High may very well have been the best girls basketball team in Massachusetts this year — but Minnechaug Regional appears to have the best individual player in the state.

Local partisans might still vote for All-Scholastic Charlotte Muller, who had a spectacular career at Andover, but Minnechaug All-

American Jillian Danker put an exclamation point on her high school career with a virtuoso final performance for the Falcons in the State Division I championship game.

The quick and agile Danker destroyed the Lady Warriors, dashing their title hopes with a flashy 26-point, 10-rebound, 7-assist, 6-steal effort to ignite defending champ Minnechaug to a 55-40 victory for its second straight crown.

Finest era

Although this was not the way the locals had their storybook ending scripted, the defeat does nothing to diminish the accomplishments of head coach Jim Tildsley's talented troupe.

The rare loss brought to a close the finest era in AHS girls basketball history, one that may never be duplicated even though it did not produce the ultimate — a state champion.

Andover, ousted in the state semifinals last year, went 47-3 the past two seasons with two MVC Large School and Division I North titles and an Eastern Mass. crown.

The Lady Warriors were 78-13

over four seasons, including 9-4 in MIAA Tournament play, since the current crop of seniors were freshmen.

Saturday's state final was the Last Hurrah for senior starters Charlotte and Sarah Muller, Kristen Foley and Laura Orlando — as well as key reserves Jenna Hartwell and Julie Viola.

They leave a legacy — something future generations of AHS girls basketball teams will strive to duplicate or surpass. The fire has been lit.

The program will be in good hands again next season with six underclassmen eligible to return, led by starter Janice Coppolino and "sixth man" Lindsey Pearson.

Lisa Tisbert, Michelle Danis, Kristen Sweeney and Kaitlin Dargan, all of whom contributed to this year's success, will also be back.

And there is another Muller, seventh grader Jenny, waiting in the wings.

Rumors are Jenny has a keen insight into the game and may be the best Muller of all. A scary thought.

Strong support

This AHS girls hoop group

caught the imagination of high school sports fans throughout the area, stirring an interest and passion rarely matched among Andoverites in recent times.

Only the 1988 Andover National Little League All-Stars, who won state and Eastern Regional titles and played in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. — and Andover High's back-to-back state baseball champs in 1991-'92 — received similar publicity and drew a comparable following.

The Little Leaguers were even paraded down Main Street in a motorcade a decade ago following their return, while town officials threw a four-hour post-game party at Old Town Hall for the Lady Warriors last weekend.

Scoring leaders

Charlotte Muller was the top AHS scorer this winter with 435 points in 25 games, and she will graduate with a school-record 1,631 career points. She also hit 50 three-pointers this season.

Sarah Muller had 221 points this year and 864 for her AHS career.

Kristen Foley finished with 209 this season, Janice Coppolino 144,

Laura Orlando 139 and Lindsey Pearson 126.

MIAA TOURNAMENT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Minnechaug 55 Andover 40

Most of the game was like pulling teeth for the Lady Warriors, who rarely got more than one shot at the basket, committed two dozen turnovers and had nightmarish field goal percentages from both two- and three-point range.

Minnechaug's Christal Murphy was enough of a defensive pest to throw Charlotte Muller off her game, the distracted Andover ace held scoreless until she buried a patented three-pointer with just over four minutes to play.

"Murph can do that to opponents," said first-year Falcons' coach Jim Girotti. "She's all heart. She stays with people. They look at her and say 'she can't cover me.' But everywhere they go she's there with a hand in their face."

"Charlotte didn't get real good looks at the basket," said coach

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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Tildsley. "Usually, when she's not hot from the outside she can drive to the hoop successfully. But Minnechaug was so big they were able to clog up the middle and stop her."

The Wilbraham-based team was considerably taller and, at least on this particular night, a half-step quicker.

"They were much bigger and stronger than they looked from the stands when we scouted them (against Holy Name in the Central-Western Mass. final)," said Tildsley.

"Sometimes you can't get the proper perspective from up in the stands. They were huge when we looked them over from the floor before our game. The big girl in the middle was 6'3½." Danker is 6'1", the other forward is six-feet and both guards 5'9."

Yet, despite the size difference and some ragged play, Andover remained in contention until the final six minutes when it became apparent there would be no miracle comeback, no whirlwind finish and no incredible heroics from the Lady Warriors on this night.

Every time it appeared the Falcons might panic or crumble, Danker came to the rescue and

exhibited why she scored 2,179 career points and was offered a four-year scholarship to Vanderbilt.

Her back-to-back three-point plays, both on a steal, lay-up and free throw, stonewalled Andover by turning a 38-32 lead into an insurmountable 44-32 bulge with just over four minutes remaining.

Charlotte Muller followed with her three-point ice-breaker, arousing the partisans and conjuring visions of a sudden torrent of trifectas from the AHS sniper.

But instead it was Minnechaug outpointing the locals 11-5 the rest of the way on two Danker free throws, buckets by Melissa Kowalski and Maureen Leahy, Danker's lone three-pointer of the evening and a field goal by coach's daughter Christine Girotti.

Early lead seesaws

Andover took a 2-0 lead on a Kristen Foley hoop, fell behind 5-2, and then regained a 7-5 edge when Sarah Muller drained the first of her two treys and Janice Coppolino banked a shot off the window.

In a first half marked by lengthy scoring droughts on both sides, AHS inched ahead 15-14 after two

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Just super

Charlotte Muller has been named to the Boston Globe All-Scholastic "Super Team," an elite group that includes only the top five players in Eastern Mass. Division I girls basketball.

It is believed Charlotte will receive similar recognition from the Boston Herald in the next few days, and she is a prime candidate for Eagle Tribune Player of the Year honors.

Jim Tildsley has also been tabbed by the Globe as the Division I North Coach-of-the-Year.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Andover fans traveled to the Centrum in Worcester to cheer their team on.

Welcome Home

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left at 11:30 and went to another party at one of the parents' houses," said Tildsley. "The music was getting too loud for me. It was a nice way to end the night — and the season — for the kids.

"We thank the community for all the support," said Tildsley. "This was a special team and the town treated them in a special way. The attendance at the games was outstanding. I think we had the most

fans at every game and they were vocal."

The Andover crowds were definitely the loudest and proudest throughout the tournament.

There may be other accolades to follow, either from the selectmen or town businessmen, although nothing definite has been announced.

The team will hold its annual — private — breakup dinner at Andover Country Club either April 13 or 15.

The stage had been set...

"A Night of Subliminal Madness," sponsored by the Andover Youth Council, was cancelled last week so that everyone in town could support the AHS girls basketball team last Saturday night in its quest to be state champions.

The Youth Council event, for high school-aged youth only, had been scheduled to start Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall and go until about 11:15.

"The Andover Youth Council wanted everyone to get out and support the girls basketball team after the awesome year they've had," said Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services coordinator.

With a place to celebrate — and a team to celebrate — the party had to happen.

The Youth Council event featuring comedian Tony V., funny-man Joe Carroll and professional hypnotist Jerry Valley will be re-scheduled.

— Jack Grady

GIRLS BASKETBALL

MINNECHAUG 55, ANDOVER 40 State Division 1 Championship Game at Worcester Centrum

Andover (40) — Janice Coppolino 4-1-9, Laura Orlando 1-4-6, Kristen Foley 3-3-9, Sarah Muller 2-2-8, Charlotte Muller 1-3-6, Lindsey Pearson 1-0-2, Jenna Hartwell 0-0-0, Julie Viola 0-0-0, Michelle Danis 0-0-0, Lisa Tisbert 0-0-0, Kaitlin Dargan 0-0-0, Kristin Sweeney 0-0-0. **Totals:** 12-13-40.

Minnechaug Regional (55) — Jillian Danker 8-9-26, Katie Moynihan 1-2-5, Crystal Murphy 3-0-8, Maureen Leahy 4-2-10, Melissa Kowalski 1-0-2, Christine Girardi 1-2-4, Sara Gravelin 0-0-0, Kari Pabis 0-0-0, Mary Allen 0-0-0, Katie O'Brien 0-0-0, Susan Roth 0-0-0. **Totals:** 18-15-55.

Halftime: Minnechaug, 24-21. **3-pointers:** M, Murphy 2, Danker 1, Moynihan 1. **A, SMuller 2, CMuller 1.**
Rebounds: A, Foley 12, Coppolino 7. **Assists:** A, SMuller 4, Orlando 3. **Steals:** A, SMuller 3, CMuller 3. **Blocked Shots:** A, Foley 3. **Final Records:** Minnechaug Regional 23-2, Andover 23-2.

ANDOVER GIRLS HOOP 1997-'98 GAME-BY-GAME

Andover 70, Central Catholic 29
Andover 55, Chelmsford 36
Andover 61, Lawrence 25

Gr. Lawrence Christmas Festival Semifinal

Andover 48, Salem, N.H. 23

Championship Game

Andover 61, Methuen 54

Regular Season

Andover 53, Bishop Fenwick 40 (non-league)
Andover 57, Haverhill 52
Andover 59, Lowell 32
Andover 54, Bishop Fenwick 37 (non-league)
Andover 71, Tewksbury 33
Andover 58, Jeremiah Burke 33 (non-league)
Andover 72, Billerica 41
Andover 56, Methuen 44
Andover 55, Notre Dame Academy 19
Andover 52, Chelmsford 50
Andover 83, Dracut 46
Andover 46, Lowell 36
Andover 57, Haverhill 46
Andover 63, Jeremiah Burke 30 (non-league)
Methuen 53, Andover 52

MIAA Tournament Division 1 North Quarterfinal Round

Andover 55, Haverhill 45

Semifinal Round

Andover 62, Cambridge R&L 43

Championship Game

Andover 61, Methuen 46

State Semifinal

Eastern Mass. Championship

Andover 47, Norwood 41

State Final

Minnechaug Regional 55, Andover 40

Final Record: 23-2.

Titles Won or Shared: MVC Large School; Greater Lawrence Christmas Festival; MIAA Division 1 North; Eastern Mass. Division 1.

HEARTFELT THANKS

On behalf of the Andover Girl's Basketball Team we would like to thank the community for the support we have received over the last four years. It has been a great experience for all of us, and to have the amount of people that we had care about how the team did is unparalleled. The show of support during the tournament was unbelievable. It did not matter who we played, Methuen at UMass Boston, Norwood at the FleetCenter, or Minnechaug at the Centrum, Andover always had the most fan support and was always the most vocal. It helped us a lot during these games and we will be eternally grateful.

The culmination of the season was one of the greatest experiences we have ever had. The police and fire escort and the celebration at Old Town Hall was second to none. The turnout Saturday night showed us how much the people in the town cared about us even in defeat. Many of you watched us grow up during this time and to be recognized the way all of us were is both gratifying and humbling.

We know that the event Saturday night could not have been done without a total community effort from the merchants in town, the Youth Council, the administrations of both the town and the school and its elected officials. Without trying to slight anybody, we feel that the people who organized this event should be publicly thanked because without their hard work it would never have come about. To these people we give a special thanks: Brian Major, Jim Arnold, Bill Fahey, Peg and John Campbell, Colleen Georgian, Jim Hurley.

The coverage we have received from the *Andover Townsman* has always been second to none. The team gives a special thanks to Rick Harrison for this. We can't believe it is over but we will have these memories the rest of our lives. Thank you again. It has been great!

Sarah and Charlotte Muller
18 Candlewood Drive

MAKING IT POSSIBLE

Thank you very much for all of your support to the girls basketball team. It meant so much for my teammates and myself, I loved how everyone came together to celebrate our final game this season, no matter the outcome this night. In my eyes, Saturday night was a very special event that the whole community chipped in to make it awesome. Thank you to all the stores for their support, the Youth Council for your time and energy, and selectmen for collaborating supporters to make the night possible for our team to be honored and our town to enjoy each other as a community. I enjoyed it immensely.

I want to thank all of the fans that have been supporting us and following girls basketball for the whole season. They really showed what high school sports are really about. It was a pleasure to play for them. The best part of the season were all of the little girls who came to our games to support us, wearing face paint and Andover clothing, asking us for our autographs, giving us valentine cards, half-time shows, kids writing essays about us for their classes, teachers stopping us in the halls giving us words of encouragement, the town as a whole supporting us with words of encouragement and financial support when we first started our season – and all of our teams members' families that stuck by us, cheering from the stands, hugging us after games and respecting us for who we are, we appreciate you! Thank you to all of our coaches – from our AAU coaches to our High School coaches – that hung tough and helped us work harder to accomplish our dreams. This is what got me psyched for every game, I love you guys. I also wanted to thank my whole family, my biggest cheerleaders of all, I wouldn't have made it this far without any of you.

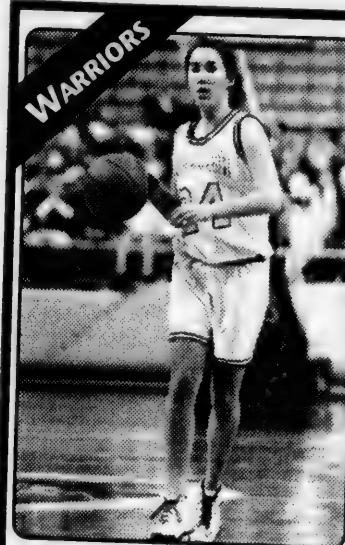
Once again, thank you, everyone, who made our whole season possible.

Kristen Foley #55
Andover Girls Varsity basketball team

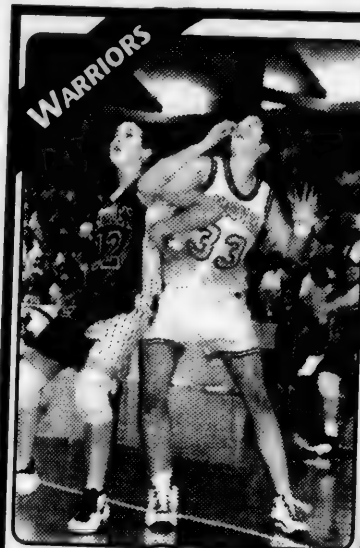
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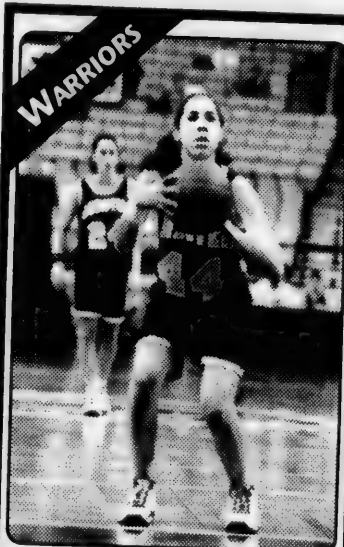
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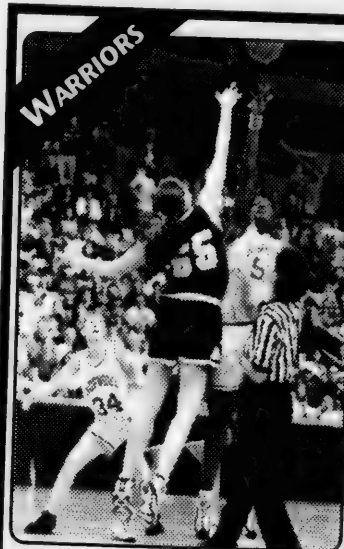
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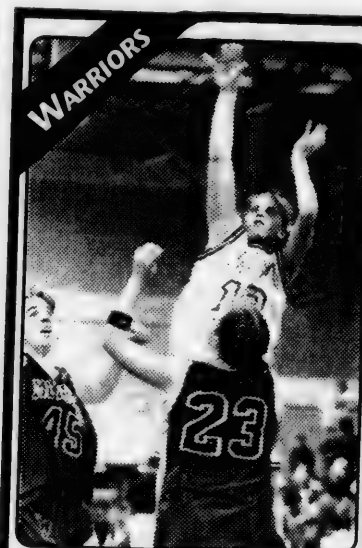
Janice Coppolino
Junior/Forward



Laura Orlando
Senior/Forward



Kristen Foley
Senior/Center



Lindsey Pearson
Sophomore/Forward

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Early in their sensational 1997-'98 season.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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Sarah Muller free throws and 19-17 following consecutive Coppolino lay-ups.

But Minnechaug's Murphy countered with a three-pointer from the corner, and Katie Moynihan netted two free throws to make it 22-19.

Lindsey Pearson, whose chronic bad back flared and kept her on the bench for much of the second half, swished a corner shot to trim the deficit to 22-21.

Two Girotti free throws enabled Minnechaug to take a 24-21 lead into the locker room at the break.

"We played very well defensively in the first half," said Tildsley. "We kept them bottled up and confused and we rebounded well."

Minnechaug's confusion came from an inability to recognize what the Lady Warriors were doing.

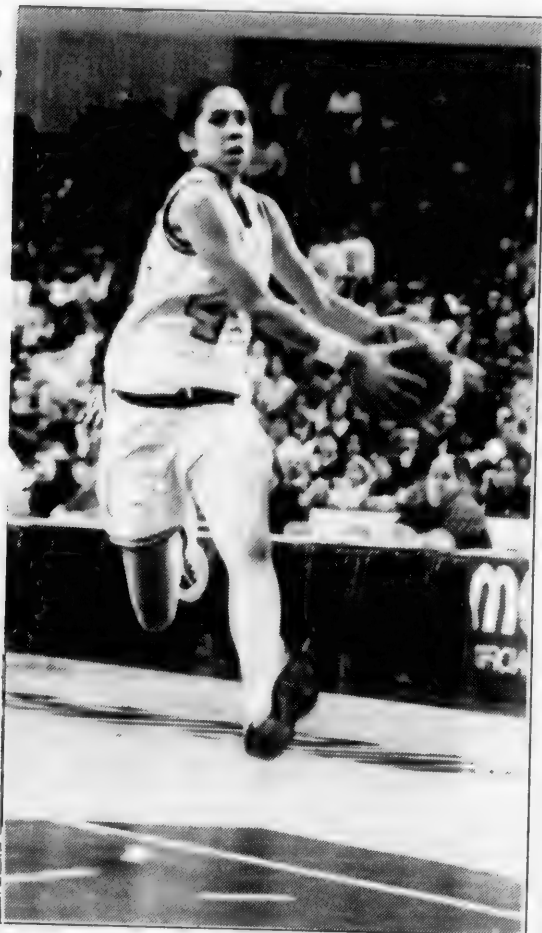
"People think it's man-to-man," said Tildsley. "But it's actually a 1-1-3 setup with Sarah and Charlotte doing most of the running and chasing. The

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The girls varsity basketball team, Eastern Mass. champions, includes (from left) Lisa Tisbert, Laura Orlando, Kristen Sweeney, Charlotte Muller, Michelle Danis and Janice Coppolino.

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Laura Orlando outraces Minnechaug to the basket.

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(25 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Charlotte Muller	156	73	435
Sarah Muller	74	40	221
Kristen Foley	91	27	209
Janice Coppolino	67	10	144
Laura Orlando	57	22	139
Lindsey Pearson	59	8	126
Lisa Tisbert	27	9	63
Jenna Hartwell	13	6	32
Michelle Danis	12	1	25
Kristen Sweeney	7	8	22
Julie Viola	7	4	18
Kaitlin Dargan	5	3	13

3-Pointers: CMuller 50, SMuller 33, Orlando 3.

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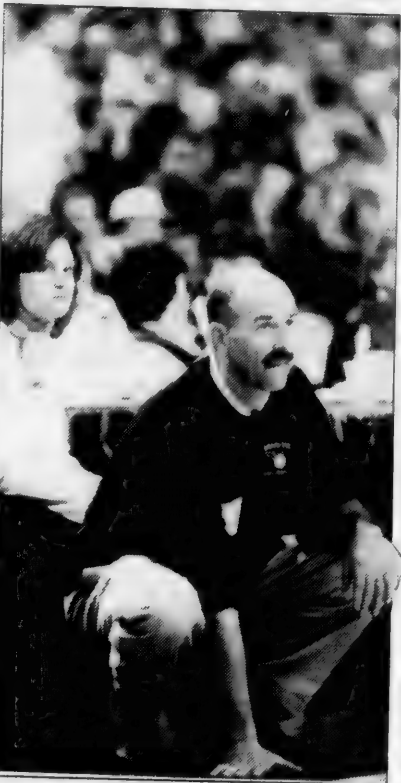
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'It's the end of an era'

By Rick Harrison

As you might expect, it was an emotional scene in the Andover High



Coach Jim Tildsley

girls basketball locker room after the loss to Minnechaug Regional in the state championship game.

"It was tough in the room," said coach Jim Tildsley. "It wasn't so much the loss that upset the girls — although naturally they wanted to win.

"It was more than realization that this was the end of the road. The last time the 12 of them would be together on a basketball floor. I think as they sat there it was really sinking in for the first time."

An hour later, as the players climbed on the bus, reality had turned to resignation.

"Everything seemed okay on the ride home," said Tildsley.

And the post-game party back home at Old Town Hall helped cure the blues.

"It's the end of an era," said Tildsley. "But it's been a nice ride with a great bunch of kids.

"Charlotte (Muller) felt bad after the game, but no one had more right to hold her head up high.

"People think of Charlotte as a great scorer, which of course she is, but fail to realize she is also a tremendous defensive player. She's the one who guarded the top player on the other team, like Julie Szabo (Haverhill), Katherine Curry (Methuen) and

the leading scorer for Cambridge and Norwood.

"Sarah (Muller) was our calm, cool second coach on the floor, and Kristen (Foley) came into her own at both ends of the floor this year," said Tildsley. "How many players don't make the team as a freshman, play back-up two years, and then put together the kind of season Kristen had? Assumption is getting an excellent player."

The Mullers will both attend Lehigh on full scholarship and Laura Orlando hopes to go to Stonehill College and make the basketball team as a walk-on.

"Losing all six seniors is a big blow. They carried themselves with class," said Tildsley.

"I think that's why the younger girls in the community playing basketball look up to Charlotte and Sarah. Not only are they terrific players but they handle themselves so well. There is no ego problem — no selfishness.

"This group of players has made basketball a real priority among young girls in town. Next

year will be a rebuilding one, although Janice (Coppolino) and Lindsey (Pearson) give us an excellent nucleus," said Tildsley.

"There is an outstanding crew of seventh- and eighth-graders on the way up, so in two or three more years watch out for Andover again."

Charlotte Muller has also expressed more than a passing interest in coaching.

"Who knows," mused Tildsley. "Maybe in four years, after she graduates college, Charlotte will be back in Andover as a coach!"

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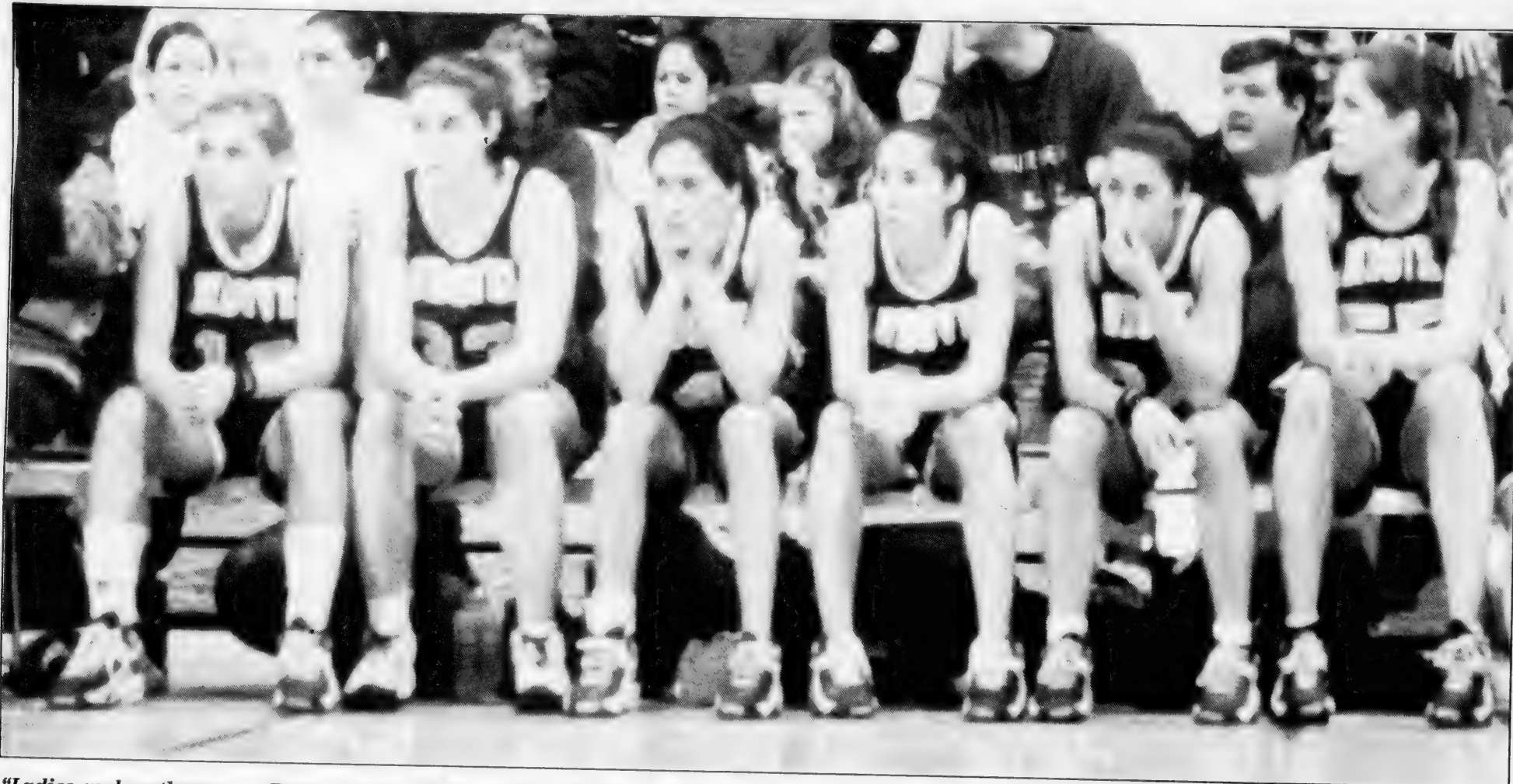
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CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

(Continued from page 52) other players match up and — in this case — helped out on Danker.

"We noticed their point-guard doesn't shoot much, so we gambled by laying off her and putting a double- and occasional triple-team on Danker."

The Falcons figured it out by halftime and made the necessary adjustments.

Danker, who honed her considerable skills in the schoolyard by playing against her older brother and sister, scored 12 points in the first 16 minutes to pace the Falcons.

Coppolino and Sarah Muller led the Lady

Warriors with eight points each.

Losing Pearson at the start of the second half also hurt, although she made a gutsy return to the floor with six minutes left.

"We came out at the start of the second half and the kids were screaming 'Lindsey's not coming out.' Not having her for the first

10 minutes hurt us emotionally," said Tildsley.

"Her back has bothered her all year and it kicked out on her once before. She wears a

brace. After they (trainer Andy Berube) snapped it back in place she wanted to go back into the game."

Early in the second

half Laura Orlando briefly caught fire, scoring six straight Andover points including 4-of-4 from the free throw line, as the locals continued

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to scratch and claw and stayed close at 30-28.

Danker countered with a 12-foot jumper and free throw, and Leahy hit a driving lay-up and rebound, as Minnechaug built the lead to 37-28.

A driving hoop by Coppolino and a Foley put-back made it 37-32,

but Andover came no closer as Danker officially took the game over and quarterbacked an 18-8 closing run.

"Minnechaug played outstanding defense," said Tildsley. "Their defense disrupted our offensive flow. We got some good looks early,

but as the game wore on they were flying through our picks and contesting every shot."

Coppolino tops

Coppolino and Foley led the AHS attack with nine points each, while Sarah Muller contributed

eight, Laura Orlando and Charlotte Muller six apiece and Lindsey Pearson two.

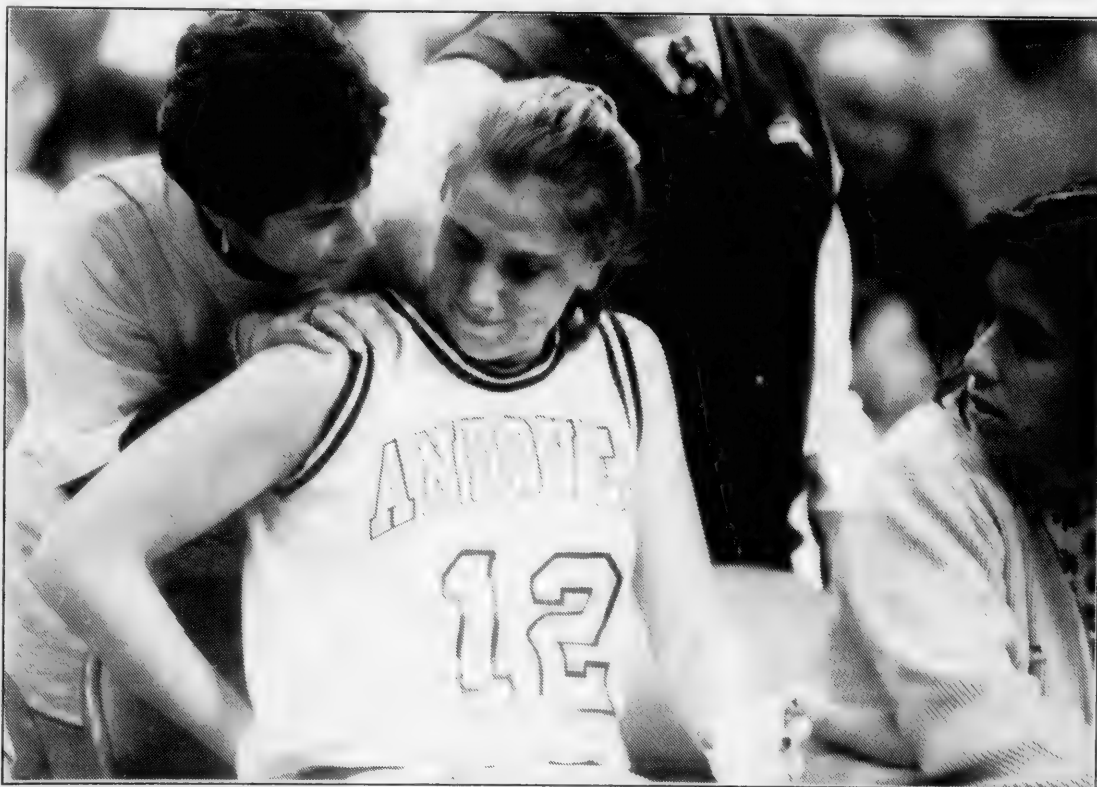
Foley added 12 rebounds and three blocked shots, Coppolino seven rebounds and Sarah Muller had four assists and three steals.

Leahy followed Danker with 10

points, Murphy had eight, Moynihan five, Girotti four and Kowalski two.

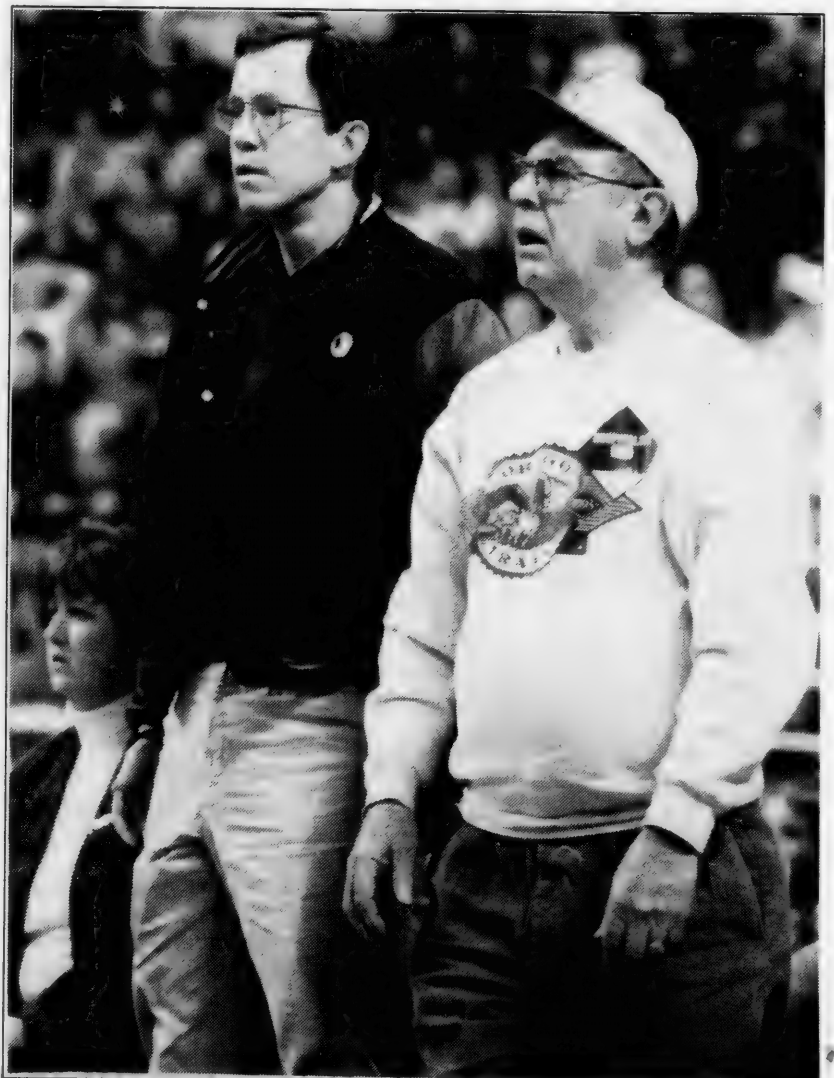
"Our girls played hard and never gave up," said Tildsley. "You can't ask for more."

'This is gonna hurt'



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

AHS principal Ellen Parker offers encouragement to Lindsey Pearson, whose sore back kept her out of the game at the start of the second half. Tim McCarron and Jerry Silverman (at right) don't like what they see.



ACBL Finals

By Rick Harrison

Chris Vetrano pumped in 11 of his game-high 24 points in the fourth quarter, as Temple Emanuel erased a two-point deficit and posted a 41-36 victory over previously-undefeated St. Robert's A in their recent season-ending Andover Church Basketball League Senior Boys Division showdown at the Andover High Field House.

The win enabled Temple, whose only loss was a 35-31 decision to SRA earlier in the season, to grab a share of the Senior title.

The co-champs both finished 9-1 overall.

Normally, when teams end up tied for first in the ACBL, a playoff game decides the championship.

Temple and SRA decided, by mutual agreement, not to have the playoff because both have several travel team members and soccer players with other commitments and potential conflicts. No mutual date could be agreed upon for the playoff.

Temple Emanuel 41 St. Robert's A 36

Bold and skillful 7th grader Vetrano was on fire from outside throughout the game, consistently hitting long-range 15-20 foot shots

over the SRA zone to lead Temple to the crucial win.

St. Robert's, trailing 12-5 after one quarter and 23-18 at the half, rallied for a 28-26 lead after three peri-

ods as Anthony Silva (four points), Mike Cronin (four points) and division scoring champ Matt Withington (two points) led a 10-3 run.

Vetrano's 11 in the final stanza, including 3-for-3 from the free throw line down the stretch, and four points by Jon Konjoian

sparked Temple's pivotal 15-8 closing run.

Konjoian backed Vetrano's 24 with 7 points, Greg

Mongeau added 6, Matt Bengston 3 and Troy

Lieberman had a free throw.

Silva and Withington (93 season points) paced SRA with 13 and 11 points respectively while Cronin, Andy Martin and Dan Mayer contributed 4 points each.

Jeff Sandman and Mike Weisner also played well for Temple, while Adam Edel-

stein and Ryan Hutzler were other St. Robert's A standouts.

Both teams finished the game with 15 field goals, but Temple was 11-for-20 at the free throw line to SRA's 6-for-20. St. Robert's was only 2-for-14 at the stripe in the first three quarters.

SENIOR BOYS STANDINGS

Final Standings, Scores

	W	L	PF	PA
c-St. Robert's A	9	1	356	214
c-Temple Emanuel	9	1	445	172
St. Robert's B	5	5	246	264
Faith Lutheran	4	6	228	313
St. Augustine B	4	6	238	301
St. Augustine A	4	6	248	298
St. Robert's C	3	7	248	296
Ballardvale United	2	8	158	306
c-division co-champs				

LEADING SCORERS	FG	FT	Pts
Matt Withington, SRA	36	21	93
Anthony Silva, SRA	29	26	84
Andy Pfeil, FLuth	33	14	80
Chris Vetrano, Temp	29	20	78
Greg Mongeau, Temp	30	16	76
Matt Bengston, Temp	35	2	72
Joe Heitz, SAA	32	6	70
Chris Hanlon, SAB	31	6	68
David Chomicz, Temp	32	0	64
Matt Keough, SAA	29	0	58
Chris Barry, SRB	17	18	52
Nick Sharis, SRB	23	6	52
Jon Konjoian, Temp	23	3	49
Mike Cronin, SRA	21	4	46
Troy Lieberman, Temp	19	7	45
Andrew Martin, SRA	22	1	45
Brian Murphy, SRC	15	14	44
Matt Waisnor, SRC	21	1	43
George Thorlin, SAB	19	3	41
Jeremy Cohen, BU	12	15	39
Owen Fitzpatrick, SAB	19	1	39
Drew Wuehrmann, SRC	16	6	38
Jake Fitzpatrick, SAA	17	3	37
J. Papadopoulos, SRB	15	6	36

Andover Church Basketball League

TEMPLE 41, ST. ROBERT'S A 36

Temple Emanuel (41) — Matt Bengston 1-1-3, David Chomicz 0-0-0, Jon Konjoian 3-1-7, Troy Lieberman 0-1-1, Greg Mongeau 2-2-6, Matt Monteiro 0-0-0, Jeff Sandman 0-0-0, Josh Slovin 0-0-0, Chris Vetrano 9-6-24, Mike Weisner 0-0-0. Totals: 15-11-41.

St. Robert's A (36) — Paul Burke 0-0-0, Mike Cronin 2-0-4, Mike Dunn 0-0-0, Andy Martin 2-0-4, Adam Edelstein 0-0-0, Dan Mayer 2-0-4, Greg Hartwell 0-0-0, Anthony Silva 4-5-13, Ryan Hutzler 0-0-0, Matt Withington 5-1-11, Chris Renfro 0-0-0, Sean Smith 0-0-0. Totals: 15-6-36.

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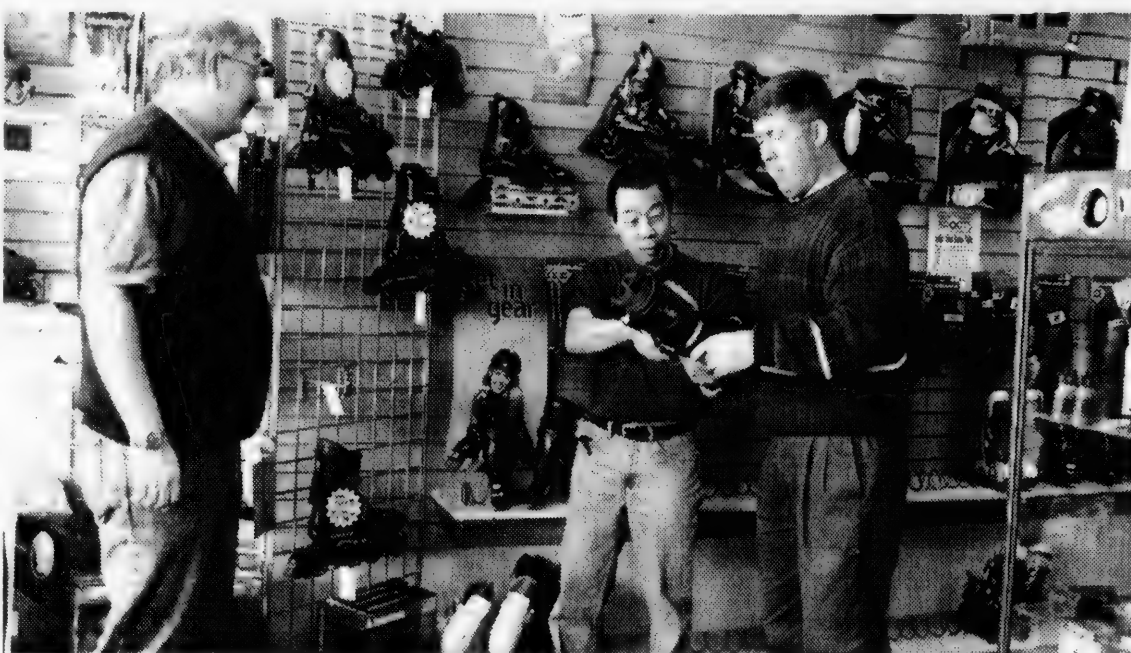
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To Jeffrey S. Shapiro and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: Citizens Bank New Hampshire, Successor by Merger to First NH Bank, Successor by Merger to Exeter Banking Company claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, known and numbered as 25 Mohawk Road, Andover, Massachusetts given by Jeffrey S. Shapiro and Joanne Shapiro dated July 31, 1986 and filed with the Essex North Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 40912, noted on Certificate of Title Number 9276 has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 13th day of April 1998, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 2nd day of March 1998.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
March 19, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of JAMES & BETH ARNOLD, 15 Geneva Road, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.B.2.i. of the Zoning By-Law to construct a synthetic turf putting green in the front yard of the premises.

Premises affected are located at 15 GENEVA ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 175 as Lot 6.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of ERHAN ERDEM, 8 Evergreen Lane, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.P.5.6 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of an extension of an existing structure within the Watershed Overlay Protection District setback.

Premises affected are located at 8 EVERGREEN LANE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 175 as Lot 10.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 19 & 26, 1998

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT

Essex, ss.

Docket No. 97P 0451-AD1

To all persons interested in the estate of RICHARD C. SPILLANE late of Andover in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court praying that RUTH O. SPILLANE of Andover in the County of Essex be appointed administratrix of said estate, without giving surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the thirtieth day of March 1998 the return day of this citation.

Witness, EDWARD J. ROCKETT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register
March 19 & 26, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held upon remand from the Land Court in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of SCOTT GINSBURG, 421 High Plain Road, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section IV.B.50(a) of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of an amateur communication structure/tower including appurtenant devices.

Premises affected are located at 421 HIGH PLAIN ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 216 as Lot 8B.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 19 & 26, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MRS. MARTHA KAO, 12 Evergreen Lane, Andover, Ma. for a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure that does not have frontage on a public way.

Premises affected are located at 12 EVERGREEN LANE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 175 as Lot 12.

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CHAIRMAN
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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of PETER J. MORRIS, 112 Pine Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow additions and alterations to pre-existing, non-conforming structures.

Premises affected are located at 112 PINE STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 21 as Lot 178.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
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March 19 & 26, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A continued public hearing will be held in THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 36 Bartlet Street, 2nd floor Conference Room, ANDOVER, on MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of MERRIMACK VALLEY LUBAVITCH, Inc., 310 No. Main Street, Andover, Ma. as a party aggrieved by the decision of the Building Inspector in denying a building permit to construct an addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 310 NO. MAIN STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 53 as Lot 11.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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BOARD OF APPEALS
March 19, 1998

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of WAYNE & SUSAN NADER, 55 Andover Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 55 ANDOVER STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 94 as Lot 8.

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BOARD OF APPEALS
March 19 & 26, 1998

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of KEITH & CANDACE WESTGATE, 87 Burnham Road, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 87 BURNHAM ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 36 as Lot 84.

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March 19 & 26, 1998

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of BRIAN T. GIBSON & KERRIN M. GIBSON, 71 Chestnut Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction and alteration to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 71 CHESTNUT STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 39 as Lot 162.

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of CONTEMPORARY BUILDERS, Inc., 200 Park Street, No. Reading, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 41 BANCROFT ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 59 as Lot 23.

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of SANBORN PTO, 90 Lovejoy Road, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.B.3.a.(2) of the Zoning By-Law to erect a sign that exceeds the dimensional requirements of the by-law.

Premises affected are located at 90 LOVEJOY ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 153 as Lot 3.

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March 19 & 26, 1998

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of JUDE A. & ELIZABETH G. CURTIS, 11 William Street, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of additions and alterations to a pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

Premises affected are located at 11 WILLIAM STREET, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence A District and is shown on Assessor's Map 52 as Lot 62.

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CHAIRMAN
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March 19 & 26, 1998

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A public hearing will be held in THE HALL, MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, second floor, Elm Square, Andover on THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of DANIEL J. JAYE & NICOLE ALINE FINN, 650D Brookside Drive, Andover, Ma. for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, Section VI.P.6(a) and V.A. of the Zoning By-Law to allow construction of a single family home, driveway and septic system that will not meet slope or dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON A CUL DE SAC OFF OF HOLMES ROAD WHICH IS OFF OF HAGGETTS POND ROAD, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence C District and is shown on Assessor's Map 219 as Lot 18D.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
March 19 & 26, 1998

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP - MINOR - WITHOUT SURETIES ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 98P 0319GM1 NOTICE

To all persons interested in JOSE F. ROJAS PEREZ of 450M Brookside Drive Andover, Ma Essex County 01810.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that PETRA DE los SANTOS of Andover in the County of Essex or some other suitable person be appointed his Guardian with custody. If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Salem on or before May 4, 1998.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this seventeenth day of February, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
March 19, 1998

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Essex Division Docket No. 98C 0073-CA1 NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by VICTORIA JEAN VINCI of Andover, Essex County, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

VICTORIA JEAN VINCI
TO
VICTORIA JEAN
BLOOMFIELD

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the sixth day of April 1998.

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Salem, this eleventh day of March, 1998.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
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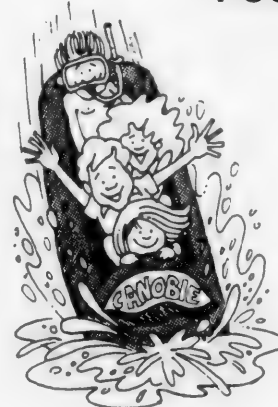
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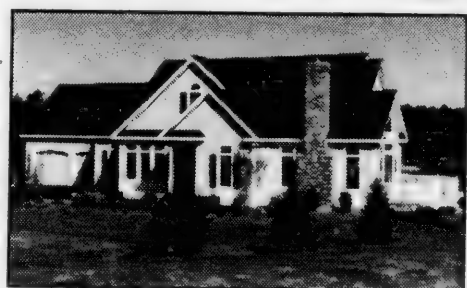
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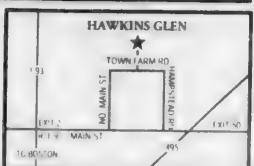
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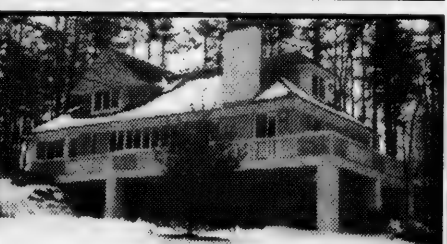
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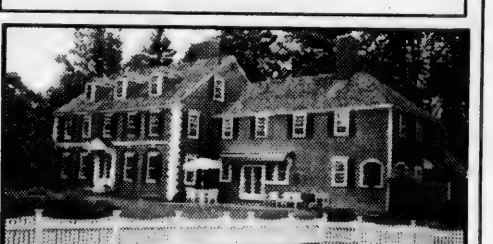
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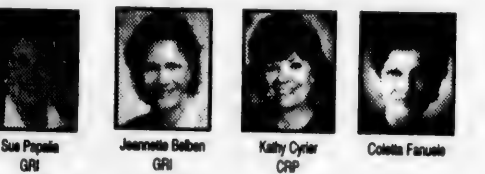
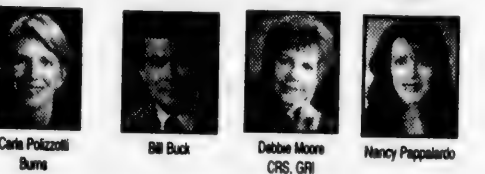
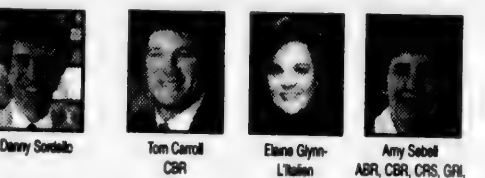
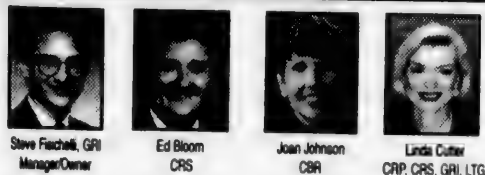


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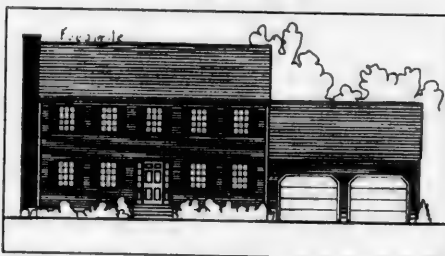
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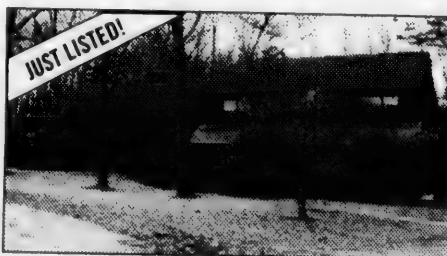
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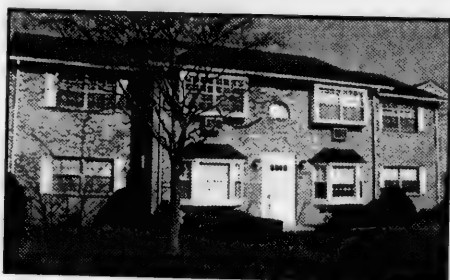
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NORTH ANDOVER - This spacious Colonial, well-sited on a lovely street, offers central air, central vac, cathedral ceiling family room and security system. The master is a two-room suite, with a whirlpool tub in the master bath. 9+ rooms, 4 bedrooms. VRM 39 Seller to consider offers in range **\$369,000 - \$428,876**.



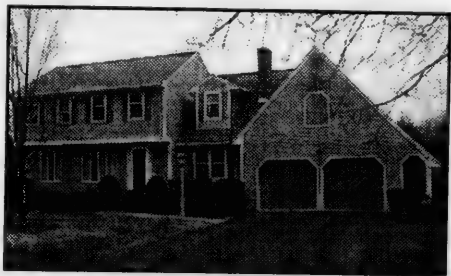
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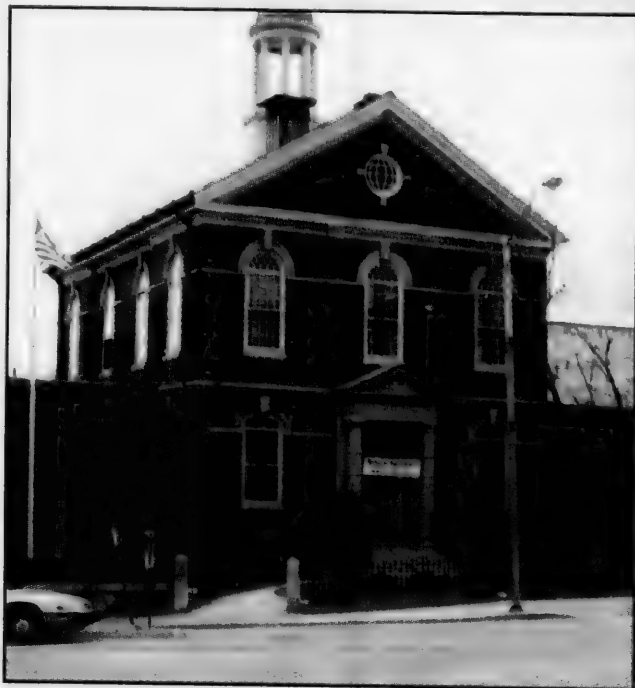
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 Sunday, June 21 - Strawberry Festival
 Sunday, August 30 - Peach Festival
 Saturday & Sunday, September 12 & 13 - Weekend in the Country
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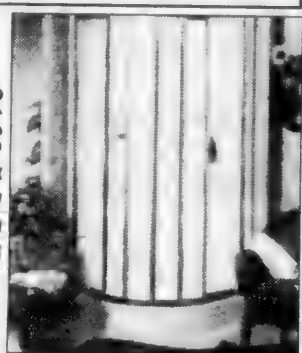
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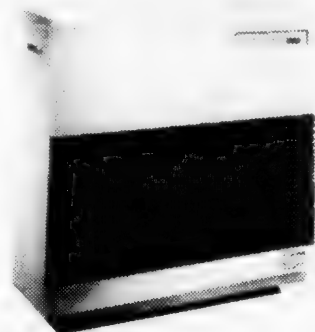
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Like many of us, it used to be a ritual with Karen J. Sciuto to make a New Year's resolution to lose weight. But she doesn't make those resolutions anymore. She lost 113 pounds.

"You either eat to live or you live to eat," said Karen J. Sciuto, a 35-year-old Andover woman who lived to eat.

About 16 months ago, Karen Sciuto was miserable - weighing 247 pounds at 5 feet 4 inches, she said her body was her prison. She knew it was time to lose the weight or face life at 300 pounds. She chose to lose the weight.

"I was very, very depressed because of my weight. I was in so much pain," she said. "You can't escape from yourself."

Through hard work, perseverance and dedication, she broke out of her prison and lost 113 pounds in about a year.

"People are shocked when they see me and their face will drop," Ms. Sciuto said. "They don't remember me that way, so it's good. I don't think I'll ever feel like a thin person. I feel average."

Now she wants to help others.

She went to Beverly Hills Weight Loss and Wellness in Andover. She attributes the major part of her success to them, combined with her determination to change her life.

"O my God, these people are my salvation," she said. "I was at the end of my rope. I had lost all control over me. I really didn't have the control. I need the feedback, I need the positive reinforcement."

Beverly Hills prescribes a diet high in protein, low in carbohydrates to take off weight.

"We are in the business of changing lives," said Beverly Hills Weight Loss owner Marielle Riendeau. "I cannot explain it in words. We have changed Karen Sciuto's life and I am very thankful that we made a difference."

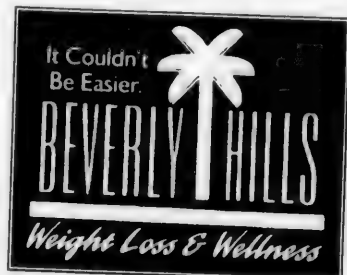
Ms. Sciuto gained most of her weight in her mid-20s "By abusing my body" and not caring, she said. A fondness for her mother's delicious Italian cuisine combined with binge eating during times of stress helped pack the pounds on. Though she tried to lose weight on her own, she was unsuccessful.

At the end of her rope, she came to the Beverly Hills Weight Loss and Wellness' office. She joined the Silverado Athletic Club in Andover, again. This time, she made a commitment to herself to get in shape.

Another commitment she made to herself was to learn to deal with her emotions rather than bottling them up and dealing with them through food. She takes life one day at a time, remembering that five minutes of pleasure wreaks abuse on her body - the only body she'll ever have.

Losing the weight has changed more than her appearance. She says it has changed her outlook on life. Above all, she now believes she can do anything.

"Anything is possible. If Karen Sciuto can lose weight and change her lifestyle and do a complete 180 turn around, anyone can," she said. "I can deal with any obstacle that comes my way. I couldn't say that to you a year ago. Now I can do anything."



Inspirational Weight Loss

Karen kept her resolution: She lost 113 pounds



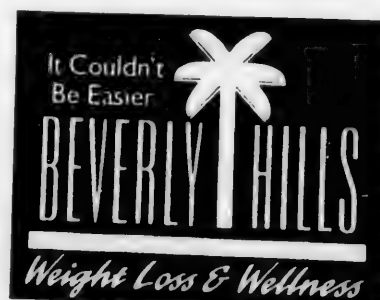
Karen J. Sciuto of Andover after losing 113 pounds.

Today, the woman who used to be winded climbing stairs can now speedwalk 3.2 miles in 47 minutes. "I almost move like the speed of lightning," Karen Sciuto said. "It's an incredible feeling and that's when I say to myself persistence pays off."

"I was very, very depressed because of my weight. I was in so much pain."

Karen J. Sciuto

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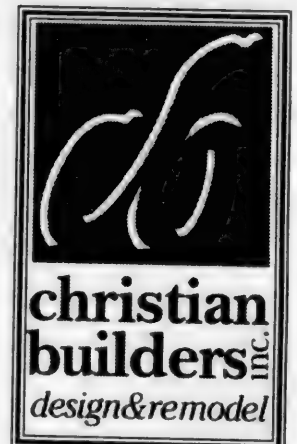
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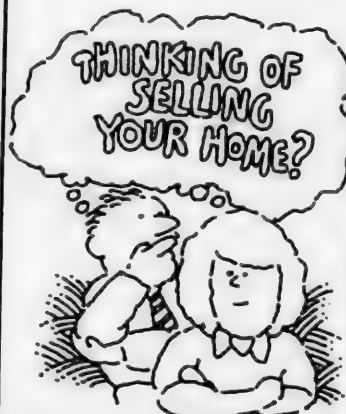
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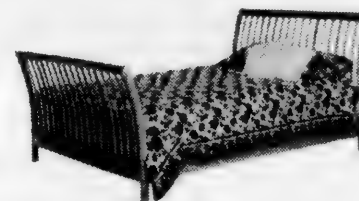
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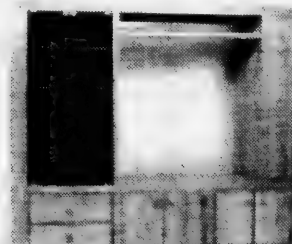
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Recipes to tantalize the taste buds

Easy recipe soup

This soup can be assembled at short notice for a bunch of hungry people. The recipe comes from Gogi Dallis of Flagstaff, Ariz., who won first prize in a magazine contest for recipes that can be made in 20 minutes or less, using both fresh and canned ingredients.

Southwest Chicken Soup

2 tablespoons olive oil
8 ounces skinned and boned chicken breast halves, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
1/4 cup finely diced onion
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chicken broth
1 can (15 1/4 ounces) corn kernels, undrained
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
3 6-inch corn tortillas, halved, stacked and cut into 1/2-inch-thick

strips

2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
6 tablespoons plain lowfat yogurt

Heat oven to 450 F. Heat oil in a heavy Dutch oven over medium heat. Add chicken, and cook 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until opaque.

Stir in onion, garlic, cumin, salt, chili powder and red pepper. Cook 1 to 2 minutes, stirring frequently, until garlic and spices are fragrant.

Stir in broth, undrained corn, black beans and stewed tomatoes. Increase heat to high and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, spread tortilla strips in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake 5 minutes, stirring once, until crisp and lightly browned. Stir cilantro into soup, and ladle soup into bowls.

Top servings with tortilla strips and a tablespoon of yogurt.

Makes 6 servings.

Taste filling for potato skins

Tasty food that's easy to prepare will keep college basketball fans in good heart to cheer on their teams in the playoffs.

Cheese and Pepper Stuffed Potato Skins

6 large russet potatoes, scrubbed (about 4 pounds)
4 tablespoons cayenne pepper sauce, separated
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1 large red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 cup chopped green onions
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 450 F.

Wrap potatoes in foil; bake about 1 hour and 15 minutes or until fork tender.

Let stand until cool enough to handle.

Cut each potato in half lengthwise; scoop out insides, leaving a 1/4-inch-thick shell (use leftover potato as mashed potatoes, home fries or in soup).

Cut shells in half crosswise and place on large baking sheet.

Preheat broiler.

Combine 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper sauce and butter in small bowl; brush on inside of each potato shell. Broil shells, 6 inches from heat, 8 minutes or until golden brown and

crispy.

Combine remaining 3 tablespoons cayenne pepper sauce with remaining ingredients in large bowl.

Spoon about 1 tablespoon of mixture into each potato shell. Broil 2 minutes or until cheese melts. Cut each piece in half to serve.

Makes 12 servings.

On the cover:

1. Ryan Shumeyko, 4, and his brother, Ben Shumeyko, 2, have fun on the slide at Penguin Park in Andover. They are the sons of Juanita and Bob Shumeko of Brookside Drive, Andover.

2. Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

3. Zoe Zimmerman, 3 1/2 of Andover, has fun making sand pies at Penguin Park.

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Beth Vellante has been named Executive Director of Heritage at North Andover, the Merrimack Valley's premier Assisted Living Community.

Ms. Vellante is an accomplished marketing and operations professional in the assisted living retirement housing industry and will oversee all operations of Heritage at North Andover. In her 20 years in the senior care business, Ms. Vellante has most recently been responsible for the daily operation of Marland Place in Andover.

Prior to joining A D S Senior Housing, Ms. Vellante was the Executive Director at several other assisted living communities including The Gables at Winchester and Country Club Heights in Woburn.

Ms. Vellante has been published in *Nursing Homes* magazine. She wrote the script for the Elder Abuse section of MassALFA training video and was featured on the video as presenter. Ms. Vellante is a MassALFA board member and has been featured as a speaker at several MassALFA events. She lives in North Andover with her husband John, and their two sons, Gregory, age 7 and Jonathan, age 3.

When asked why she chose to manage the Heritage community, Ms. Vellante said "she immediately felt committed to the excellent quality service provided to the residents. The sincerity here is genuine and the emphasis is on people - residents as well as staff." Ms. Vellante is also pleased to offer Homestead, "a wonderful assisted living option for folks with memory impairment."



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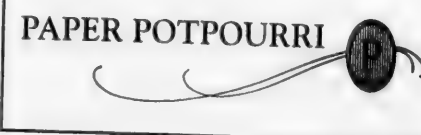
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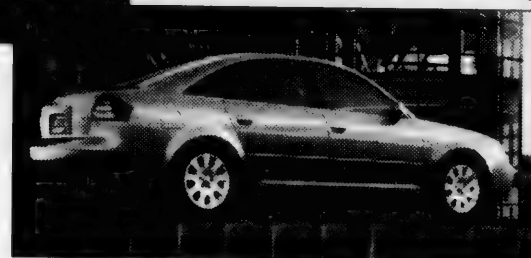
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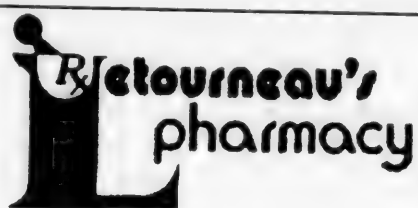
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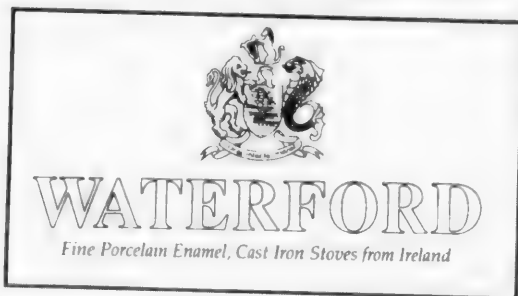
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Buchika's

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MVSC

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Hours: By Appointment

At Events By Design Inc., we plan and manage special events. How do we define "special events?"

For our corporate clients, "special events" range from multi-city tours of recognition meetings for their top clients to annual holiday parties for employees, from new location openings to one-time satellite broadcasts held in 157 cities around the world, from product launches to summer outings. For personal events, we work with our clients on their weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, anniversary parties, birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, and more.

How do we work? For some of our clients, we work on events from start to finish; setting the agenda, selecting the venues, hiring the entertainment, designing the menus, recommending gifts for

favors or awards, managing the set-up, running the event, and evaluating the success.

For other clients, we only manage the day of the event; we

ensure that the actual event runs exactly as our client has planned it. For many clients, our role falls somewhere between these options; we run with the ball when our client runs out of time or when the focus switches from the big picture to the many small details, i.e. collating the invitations, putting together baskets for out of town guests, designing the centerpieces, personalizing the favors, or counting the tables and chairs for the event.

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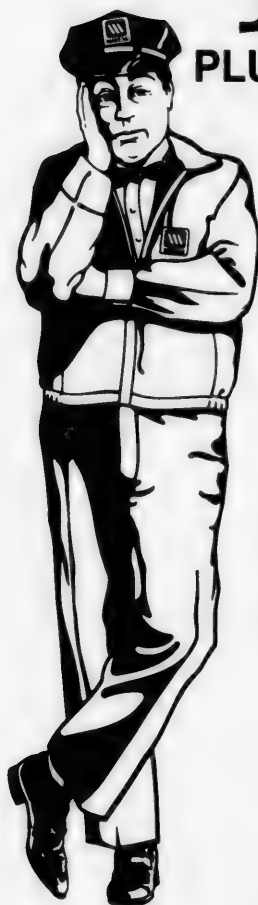
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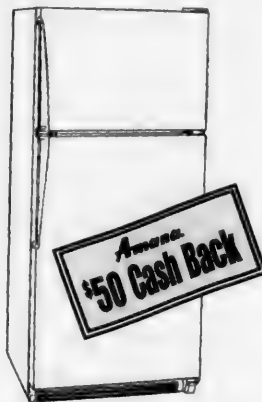
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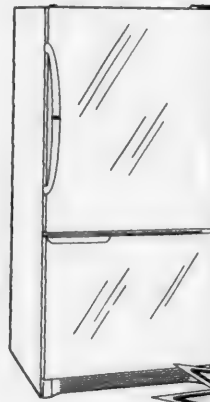
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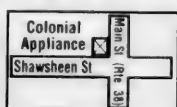


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- Middle School Improvement Team
- Doherty Middle School PAC, 1990-1992

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- Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS)
- Friends of Andover Memorial Hall Library
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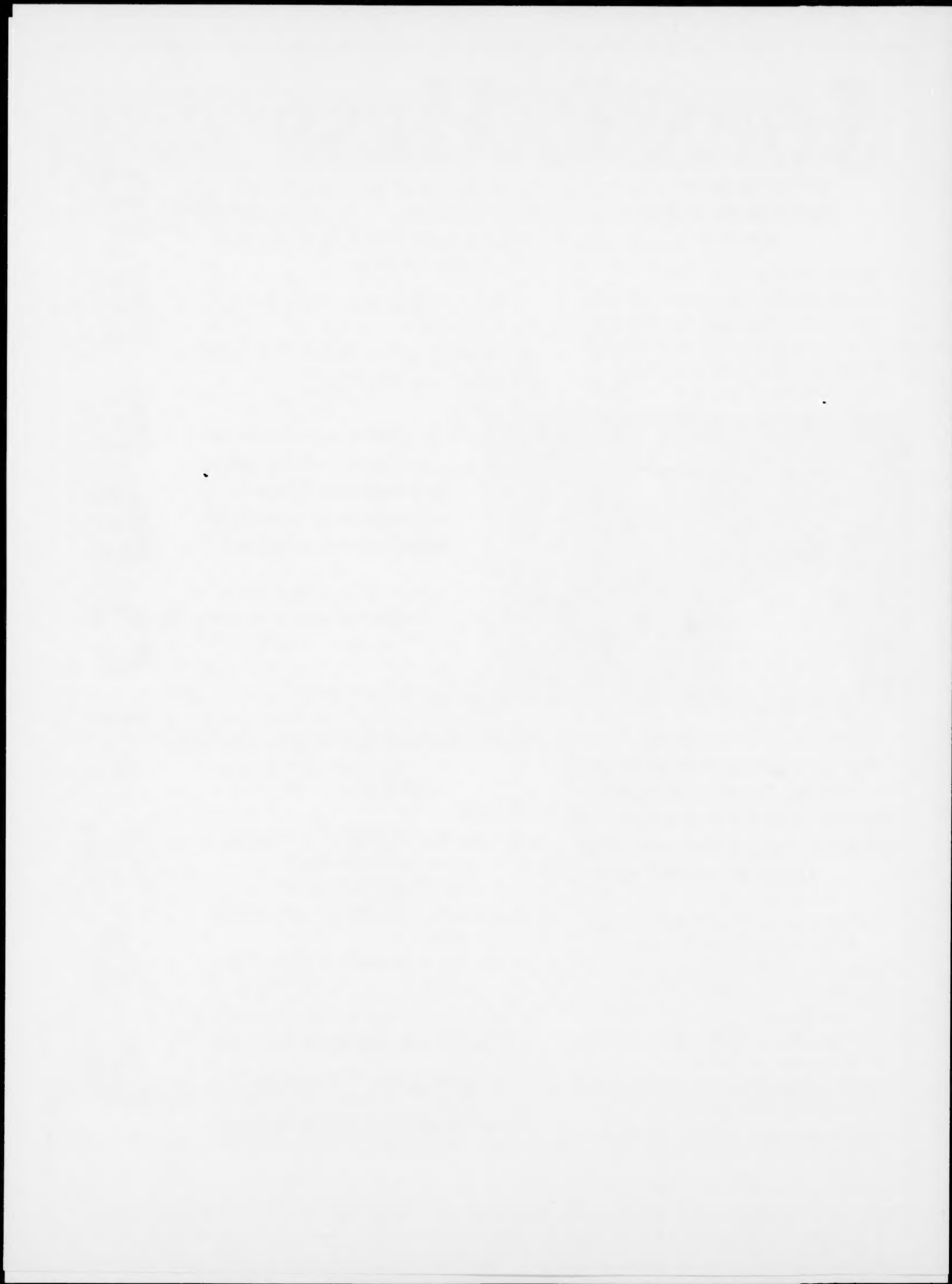
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3. Improve sewer system
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